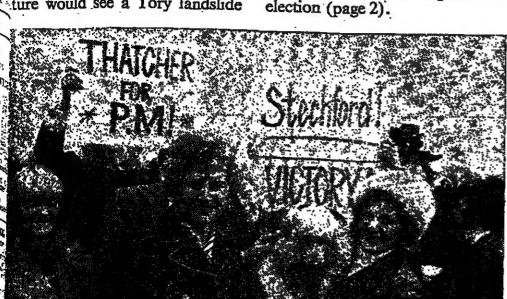
Mrs Thatcher prepares Inquiry into deals by for direct elections to Europe for autumn poll after win at Stechford

he Conservatives' sweeping vicry in the Birmingham, Stechford, v-election has spurred Mrs Thatverence in her calls for an autumn neral election. On a similar swing ture would see a Tory landslide

of 1931 proportions, our Political Editor says. Mrs Thatcher said she was cancelling engagements for the autumn and was not going abroad, as she had done in the past two years, because she expected an



laporters greating Mrs Thatcher in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, yesterday, Sign of wider shift to right

200% Political calculations have sen redically altered by the Conservative E Birmingham, Stechford, byection on Thursday on a ons. It meant that given a smaller swing in a general elec-on now or soon, Mrs Thatcher cold arrive at 10 Downing treet with a Commons ajority of up to 300 seats. Je should be back to 1931 or

The calculus may change in e next few months, but that
not all. The liberals, who had
ided must the best known
the six condidates and
ally bosted about the quality
their organization and camen not only suffered the sit aut were driven into

Mr Noy Jenkins, now Presi-nt of the European Commis-n, hed comfortably held the reking class seat for Labour 27 years. In the general scion of October, 1974, he led e Conservative candidate by

:= 323 votes New week his Conservative mesor, Mr Andrew MacKay, ho at 27 becomes the youngest PANE - P. will start his Westminster greer with a majority of 1,949. No wonder Mrs. Thancher. in bad a dismaying serback in is seed dismaying sendence in the seed of the confidence in the seed on the alert yes index for an autumn general lection.

Historically, that is the logic the Labour Government's ent parliamentary position. fithout the aberrations of beral support it has no majority on or of the House; and it has - aly parity in standing comon Bills for the rest of

Je Parliament, which means it

Whatever excuses the Government and the Liberal MPs are resorting to, the fact is that Mr Callaghan and his Cabinet have now been given a warning that a realignment of party forces in the Commons amounts to nothing if the electorate has realigned itself in an opposite direction, as it did in Stechford and Workington and Walsall, North, last November.

The electorate in what have been for decades safe Labour seats are realigning towards the right, with younger voters apparently passing beyond Mrs Thatcher and the Conservatives to the extreme position of the National Front.

were asking hai electoral Politicians yesterday what electoral yalidity has the Liberal contract with Mr Callaghan to keep Labour in power at least to the tary session and perhaps to the end of the Government's natural life in October, 1979. Labour and Liberal MPs

electorai swings to the right and hope that given time the economy will come right and justify what now begins to look like a shabby inter-party deal to save their skins.

But a Liberal lost deposit,

with a first-class candidate and a good organization, does not suggest that there are any benefits for Liberals in the compact, and for Mr Callaghan there must be a deepening realization that he was left in the cart by Sir Harold Wilson when he succeeded to No 10

a year ago. If there is a deep realignment of political forces, it is taking place less at Westminster than in one Labour stronghold after another among the voters, and no expediences of realignment at Westminster can survive for long if that continues. On the basis of the Lab-Lib

can neither defeat nor fight contract, Westminster politics will become even more remote from ordinary people, increasingly disenchanted by ingly disenchanted by a Government sustained by a parliamentary elitist conspiracy, and it might even happen that

the swing to the National Front, a disturbing feature in recent y-elections, will be accelerated. Mr Callaghan and Mr Steel defeat Mrs Thatcher's for an aurumn general election. But a serious rot has set in, and history teaches that

such a rot soon weakens a government's and a party's will to govern, as in 1951. Not only the Labour left wing but also some Cabinet ministers may be expected before long not to want to go on living as a pale imitation of a Conservative administration, torn be-tween obliging the Liberals, obeying the TUC and affronting socialist fundamentalists.

There comes a time in the life of a Labour administration when opposition is preferable to the responsibilities of office, and that time comes nearer election that promises Mrs Thatcher a landslide victory in

the next general election.
But there are deep difficulties for Mrs Thatcher and her principal aides. They continue to be saddled with the debacle of the general election of February 28, 1974, and they are still confounded by their failure to put across at Westminster or in the country a plausible alternative policy or national stra-

The recent sense in the City, industry and the press that it is too early for a general elecrion, despite the unmistakable of electoral opinion, should warn Conservatives that there would be risks in coming into power on a negative rather

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Liberal retreat likely on petrol

y David Leigh Obtical Staff The Liberals seemed to have st their nerve in the wake their disastrous showing in the Stechford by election. It te Stechford by-election. It to disorder on Monday by ming down the Government's diget resolution to raise them. Even were they to vote

a guarantee that the Governent would lose. That would quire a full turnout of But the Liberals are holding at for a deal with the Government under which they would

abstain on Monday in return for a promise of an amendment during the later passage of the

Finance Bill.
Whether the Government chooses to resist depends on the assessment it makes of Liberal attitudes. Liberal MPs are convinced they cannot escape from the compact with the Government without facing electrol disaster.

electoral disaster.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, interviewed on the Jimmy Young programme on BBC radio yesterday, said that if the Government lost the vote and had to find the revenue it needed, one way might be to put 3p on a pint of beer.

value-added tax.
Mr Steel, the Liberal leader showed signs of party back-tracking when he spoke at Nelson, Lancashire, last night. Nelson, Lancasnue, last night.
His speech was a good deal
less belligerent than the
remarks of his Treasury spokesman, Mr John Pardoe, the
previous day.
Mr Pardoe challenged the

Government to make proposals to win over the Liberals and said he could not conceive of a satisfactory amendment to the Finance Bill that would do the

son of Mrs Gandhi

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, April 1
Mr Charan Singh, the Home
Minister, announced in Parliament this evening that the
Indian Government intends to
conduct thorough inquiries into
husiness deals with which Me business deals with which Mr Sanjay Gaodhi, the younger son of the former Prime Minister was associated.

Mr Singh said that one inquiry would be into the affairs of the Maruti Company, of which Mr Gandhi was a shareholder and director, and which was to have built a small popular car at a manufacturing size in the state of Haryana. second separate inquiry, he said, would be into the affairs of Mr Bansi Lal, the former Defence Minister, who was Chief Minister of Haryana.

Mr Singh, whose announce ment was cheered from the Government benches, was intervening in a debate where a deputy of the ruling Janata a deputy of the runng Janaa Party had tabled a motion demanding a parliamentary inquiry into the "business empire" of Mr Gandhi, who says he has now retired from politics at the ege of 30.

Mr Singh also amounced a third separate inquiry into a 6m rupee (about £400,000) embezzlement scandal of five years ago, involving the State Bank of India, to escertain whether there had been any

whether there had been any official consivance.

Faced by mounting pressure from within his own party, Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister, had earlier today emphasized that his Government's policy would be to examine specific complaints of abuses committed during the 19 months of the emergency. But he would not permit a "witch-hunt".

Mr Desai was apparently careful not to use in Parliament the word "punishment" in relation to the Government of Mrs Indira Gandhi. He merely said: "If any specific complaint comes, we will have to go into

But Mr Georges Fernandes, who was only released from imprisonment under the emer-gency after winning his seat in the general election, was at the same moment telling the All India Railwaymen's Federation that the Janata Government could not adopt a forgive andforget attitude.

He and others, he said, had undergone "untold sufferings, and those responsible for such crimes should be brought to book and punished according to the law of the land".

Mr Desai, who was himself imprisoned during the emer-gency, indignantly denied a Congress MP's claim today that he had given any blanket assur-

Hardly a day passes here without demands for bringing to account those responsible for The Delhi branch of the Janat Party has begun to take state ments from members of the public who claim to have suffered at the bands of officials or police. M Acharya Kripalani, one of

the most distinguished sur-viving associates of Mahatma Gendhi, resterday demanded a high-level judicial commission and trial and punishment for those found guilty. Saintly individuals could forgive and forget, he argued, but no government, keeping a police force and an army, had the right to do so in the name of the nation. and an army, had the right to do so in the name of the nation.

Mr Morarji Desai told Parliament that he had apologized to Mrs Margaret. Thatcher, the Conservative leader, and to Mrs Baudaranaike, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, for making critical remarks about women in politics to the American news massage Time.

nagazine Time. Mr Desai said today that he would apologize to foreign women. But he immediately had women Congress members, headed by the bulky Mrs Purabi Mukherjee, demanding:

But Mr Desai, who reputedly has kept his own wife well in the background, stood his ground like a man. I have said whatever I have to say. I am not going to apologize here. Do whatever you like," he said. At this the opposition Con-

Government suggests four options Mystery of

Four possible options for direct elections to the European Parliament are contained in a Parliament are contained in a consultative White Paper published yesterday by the Government, which says it is conscious of the undesirability of making major constitutional changes unless they have a wide measure of support

The Government has com-mitted itself to using its "best endeavours" to be ready for elections by May-June next year, and the four options it

puts forward are:

1. The traditional simple majority electoral system, which has stood the test of time and is well understood by the elec-torate at large and by the political parties".

2. A list system of propor tional representation; a regional system would be preferable to a national system because it would "allow some of the vir-

tues of a simple majority system to be recained.". 3. The single transferable vote, which, like the list system, would involve fundamental departures from Britain's traditional electoral practice and "would mean that we were

using different electoral systems for national and Euro-11 held as

police smash

Stockholm, April 1
The Swedish Government an-

nounced tonight that armed police had arrested 11 people,

six of them foreigners, in dawn

raids after uncovering a plot to carry out "an act of terror-ism against Swedish interests".

It is believed another 30

people are being questioned. One of those arrested, the

statement said, was a West German believed to be Norbert

Kroecher, wanted international

ally for alleged terrorist activi-

ties. German police were under-smood to be travelling to Stock-holm to help identification. The Government said large

quantities of explosives, tear gas, weapons and money were

also found in wide ranging raids by armed police in Stockholm early this morning. The state-

ment did not disclose the target of the alleged plot, but said special police and security rein-forcements had been posted around the West German Em-

terror plot

Swedish

From Roger Choate

lands seven, north-west England nine, Yorkshire and Humber-side seven and Northern Eng-land five. Conservative MPs generally would like to stay with the traditional system, believing that their party would sweep

the board. Others believe that such a dominance of Conserva-tive MPs would not be in the long-term interests of the par-4. A combination of one of the above with the compulsory dual mandate, that is "member-ship of the House of Commons would be an essential condition

circumstances of Northern Ire-land would make it appropriate for direct elections there to be conducted by a system of pro-

portional representation."

Under a system of propor

liament.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, foreign
affairs spokesman of the
Liberal Party, commented
yesterday: A proportional
representation system would be
utterly fair and the quickest would be an essential chaotion for membership of the European Assembly.

Giving full recognition to the inherent difficulty of Northern Ireland, where a traditional electoral system could be expected to lead to control of all the designated each be the and essiest to introduce all the designated seats by the Protestant candidates, the White Paper states: "The Govern-ment considers that the special The Scottish National Party

expressed outrage at the possible disposition of seats. Mr George Reid, the party's European spokesman, said: "The SNP will seek parity with Denmark in direct elections. It is totally unacceptable that the Danes, with a smaller popula-tion than the Scots, should tion than the Scots, should have double the number of European MPs.

tional representation, the White Paper gives an example of how the 81 seats in the European Parliament could be allocated. Cabinet ministers generally agree that the Labour Party would stand to lose heavily at present if Parliament opted for the traditional first-past-the-Parliament could be allocated.
Scotland would get eight seats,
Wales four, Northern Ireland
three, South-east England (excluding Greater London) 14,
Greater London 10, South-west
England six, East Anglia and
East Midlands eight, West Midpost system.

Many are therefore tending to lean towards a regional list system, which avoids the danger of centralized patronage by party headquarters but would give the party a reasonable chance of fair representation in the European Parliament.

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Italian Communists sit on fence over Nato

By Richard Davy

If there were a grave EastWest emergency, the Italian
Communist Party "would probably not want to commit itself,
to either side", according to
Signor Lucio Lombardo Radice,
On the vital question of the a senior member of the party's central committee. "We as a party could not be expected to work against the general interests of the Soviet Union, and by interests? I mean the historical achievements of socialism, which we do not want to see destroyed or dimini-shed", he has said.

His statement well do nothing to assuage worries about the implications for Nato of a communist, or communist-domina-ted, government in Italy. It was made during a long and excep-tionally illuminating discussion with Mr George Urban a writer on communist affairs; now being broadcast in instalments by Radio Free Europe, the American station which addres-ses East Europe from West Germany. The full text will appear in the next issue of Encounter. The subject of lovalty to the

bassy, the police headquarters and the Chancellery, which houses the Prime Minister alliance came up twice. On the first occasion Signor Lombardo Radice was asked what the party would do if it were in The raids had been authorized by the Government after security police had uncovered and far-reaching at terrorist action
Swedish interests.
ds could be expected.
björn Fälldin, the dister, who is visiting there is an imperialist aggressian the state of the state of the saving. "It depends. It there is an imperialist aggressiant the convent objective. plans for a terrorist action aimed at Swedish interests. Further raids could be expected. Mr Thorbjörn Fälldin, the Prime Minister, who is visiting sion with the arowed objective of rolling back socialism we would feel entirely absolved of any obligation of 'loyaky' to the 'defensive' character of

Finland, was being kept informed. One of the terrorist incidents for which Herr Kroecher is wanted is the kidnapping in West Berlin in 1975 of Herr Nato and take the side of the Peter Lorenz, a Christian Demo-crat politician, by the "June 2" movement. Five members of the Baader-Meinhof gang were freed in return for his safe release. Soviet Union, But we would, it such an extreme emergency, also do our utmost to restore peace ". Later he modified his position again, explaining: "We would want to fight neither the The Swedish statement said the man held in Stockholm was a member of "June 2". United States nor the Soviet

Union . . It [the party] would be for peace. It would . . . cer-tainly oppose auti-Sovietism. It would be against any move to

defence of the alliance, as opdefence of the alliance, as op-posed to his seemingly easier assumption of possible Nam aggression against the Warsaw Pact, he said: "Italy, France and the other European mem-bers of Nato must be prepared to be 'loyal' to the common 'defence of the alliance if that defence is based on common decisions. However, their obligadecisions. However, their obligation lapses if the United States ceases to respect the defensive character of the alliance and

the concurrence of the other signatories of Nato." His discussion is remarkable for the fact that he used an American-financed radio station, broadcasting in all east European languages, to support socialist opposition in eastern Europe and to criticize in forthright terms the suppression of freedom there and in the Soviet

imposes on it decisions without

He expressed "complete accord" with Mr Zdenek Miynar, one of the principal theorists and anti-interest of the socialist opposition in Czecho-classical and anti-interest Mr. Position and Alexandra Mr. Position a vakia, and endorsed Mr Roy Medvedev, the dissident Russian Marxist historian, who, he believes, enjoys some support inside the Soviet party.

Signor Lombardo Radice, said the suppression, harassment and deportation of people like Mr Solzhenitsyn, hir Amalrik and Mr Bukovsky was totally

Although he disagreed with Mr Solzhenitsyn's ideas, he said: "Solzhenitsyn should be allowed to return to the Soviet Union and preach his gospel. The hollowness of his claims would be shown up at once."

fragile egg shells solved

By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent

The widespread suspicion that food quality has been changed by technology was given unexpected support given unexpected support yesterday it came from govern-ment sciemists who spent almost 10 years investigating whether modern eggs really are more fragile than their predecessors of the prebroiler age. They reported, aptly enough in the week before Easter, that the suspicion was indeed justi-

The story began, the Poultry Research Centre said in its annual report, when the propor-tion of eggs that failed to reach first quality standard rose inexorably. In 1962 five in every 100 were rejected and in 1970 seven. The latter figure represented a total of 1,000 million eggs.

Most of the rejected eggs failed because their shells were cracked. Was it, the Egg Marketing Board wondered, a case of high laying power producing thinner shells? New strains of hen laid so many eggs that they might not have time to produce shells of normal thickness for all of them.

all of them.

The research centre, based in Edinburgh, was called to investigate. Was it really true that shell thickness had decreased in the 1960s? Comparison with 40-year-old data indicated that it had not.

Moreover, the researchers decided after spending a year on checking half a million eggs that the cracks could not be blamed on a slight, unnoticed drift in national grading stan-

The scientists next looked for some other change in shell geometry. They found none. They turned to shell quality, but that gave no clue.

The scientists then asked:
"Were the eggs being exposed

to stronger or more numerous environmental insults than in earlier decades?" They established that they were, but not enough to explain most of the cracks.

The next move brought some enlightenment. The scientists discovered that some hens stood to lay their eses while others sat. The varying egg-drop height accounted for some of the cracks.

The scientists then entered

the kitchen, and observed what every domestic boiler of eggs knew: that modern eggs often split when boiling and exude pieces of solidifying white. The real culprit causing the increase in the number of increase in the number of fragile eggs turned out to be the retailer, whose efficiency ensured that eggs reached the housewife more quickly than in the past. That meant the eggs were boiled before the air cell, which groves with age, had enlarged sufficiently to accommudate the egg contents expand-

ing with heat.

"Thus", the research centre said at the end of its investigation, "it is probably true that shells are more prone to splinting during boiling, but not true that the cause is a full in shell strength."

Lunar eclipse A partial eclipse of the Moon

is due early on Monday. The Moon will enter the shadow of the Earth at 4.30 am and leave ould be shown up at once."

His main argument was that

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be one fish in shadow.

Flights cancelled after unofficial airways strike By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter domestic flights from London and provincial sirports would be cancelled. Engineering workers The dispute is over shift pay which varies between £2.50 and £11.50 a week. The issue is

British Airways yesterday rejected the advice of their moon, the Amelgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and voted to go shead with an un-

official strike tomorrow. They say they will work only day shifts from Monday, leaving evening and night shifts uncovered. A mass meeting in a hangar at Heathrow airport, London, shouted down Mr Edward Hepple, the union's civil air transport national organizer,

who said the strike was unce Bill that would do the gress Party MPs, happy to British Airways said last champion India's women voters, light, that 30 international rose in a body and walked out.

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complicated because AUEW shop stewards at British Airways are demanding the right to negotiate pay and conditions and not leave it to national level bargaining. A year ago the stewards with-

the negotiating machinery but the union is still represented on the national bargaining struc-ture. British Airways says it will not negotiate with the stewards outside the normal and recognized structure, which is accepted by all the 14 unions at British Airways.

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Stock markets: Equities were again hit by profit taking and the FT Index lost 6.9 to close at 412.5, down 5.6 over the week

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The M&G Personal Pension Plan now provides a choice between guaranteed and unit-linked. There is complete tax exemption and no commitment to regular premiums. Anyone who is selfemployed or not a member of a company scheme can joir

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eidsRed Rum is - seeking hird victory

ome second in the Grand National, lines again in the 41-mile steeplechase at intree today (3.15). Carrying top weight 11st 8th, Red Rum has been denied the st ground he prefere has been denied the ed Rum, who has twice won and twice st ground he prefers by rain and Davy ad, Andy Pandy, and Gay Vulgan have sen given equal or better chances in he betting. In the field of 42 will be harlotte Brew, the first woman to ride the page 7

vordic "devaluation"

Hotel

3 per cent devaluation of the Danish od Norwegian krone and a 6 per cent evaluation of the Swedish krone have een agreed by Finance Ministers of the uropean joint float or "spake" reliable ources reported vesterday. The sources aid the three currencies would be marked Page 17

'Inaccurate' charges by Mr Gromyko

United States Government has des-The United States Government has described as "inaccurate" remarks made by Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in which he accused the Americans of "a cheap trick." Mr Gromyko was commenting on Washington's latest proposals for strategic arms limitations. In London, however, Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, said he was looking forward to meeting Mr Gromyko again in May Page 4

New DPP named

Mr T. C. Hetherington, aged 50, deputy Treasury Solicitor since 1975, has been appointed Director of Public Prosecutions in succession to Sir Norman Skelhorn, QC, who is retiring: The appointment takes effect on May 16 Page 3

Unexpected guest

A judge decided in the High Court that it would be cheaper to keep a man in a London hotel over the weekend than to pay his return fare to Oswestry, Salop. He has to appear on Monday to answer · Page 3 contempt of court charges

No VAT on student rail travel cards

After the Court of Appeal had ruled that cut-price railway travel cards for students were not subject to value-added tax. British Rail appealed to students not to approach stations on the matter "until the harman amendment of the court of have a procedure for returning the VAT portion, which could take a week or two." Law Report, page 3

Visitor from Belgrade Mr Stane Dolanc, the Yogoslav Communist League secretary, arrives in Britain tomorrow as a guest of the Labour Party. Mr Dolanc is regarded in Belgrade as President Tito's heir Page 5

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Mr Andrew Brons, aged 29, the National Front candidate who beat the Liberals into fourth place in the Birmingham, Stechford, by-election is, so to say, a second generation repre-sentative of his still young

As a lecturer in politics at Harrogate Mr Brons epitomizes the new and articulate man who will be seen much more in future under the Union Jack. It is true that muscled, wary aides in leather jackets still have subsidiary roles as they did at Stechford, with humourless responses to questions, but the seedy air of confrontation of recent years has gone. The aura of the magistrates' court and ancient Acts has receded, akhough the judiciary never seem far from mind.

In the dispirited air of politics that was typical of Stechford, particularly after a leaden Budget for many Labour voters, Mr Brons seemed sure to pros-per. He did so in sufficient strength to disturb Mr Mackay. the Conservative winner, and Mr Gopsill, the Liberal Charac-teristically, Mr Davis, the Labour candidate, declined to discuss his opponents.

Mr Brons maintained that his vote made the National Front Britain's third party. But yesterday in the rain-swept streets, with posters already tattered and party offices in the hands of cleaning women, it did not look quite so certain.

Two middle-aged woman shoppers who declined to give their names at the Fox and Goose shops in the old heart of the constituency were un-

One said: "If you look in our purses you will know why we voted National Front. We have been Labour supporters all our lives, we were born into it and Roy Jenkins, although he did not have much to do with Stechford as he became a big name, suited us.

"But the last few years it has gone funny. The prices are a nightmare and with all the will in the word nothing seems to be done about it. It is the same with the coloureds.

Liberals in

talks about

vital vote

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serious matter.

Mr Steel said Mr Pardoe was

consulting with other Liberal MPs over the weekend, and he himself would explain the final Liberal position in Monday's Budget debate.

Mr Steel said the party was

"But we can in no way go back on our commitment to oppose the increase in petrol prices, which is particularly hard on those who require a

car as a necessity, not a luxury

in areas where there is little or no public transport.

"We also recognize that under the Provisional Collec-

clusion of the petrol increase

in one Budget resolution among

But he said the Budget was

framed before the Liberal-

Inbour pact case into force and was a no part of our

rise in the cost of living as the petri incrase."

r Rees the Home Secretary, each Leeds last night:
what me Government now neds it time, so that ourcanonicand industrial policies

lectora proach for short-term

all other oil tax increases."



Mr Andrew MacKay, the Conservative victo r, celebrating with his wife, Diana.

ashamed, our I cannot take to them, and I am not alone.

"I never really liked Mr MacKay's 30,000 leaflets calling for an end to immigration because it did not add up to would hang round his neck for the rest of his political life. "I saying. This time I felt the National Front seemed to say good man and replaced him by what I show by I have been a very medicare one." what I thought. I do not hate the coloureds, but it seemed a good chance to show what I felt. Honesty, I am not sure today whether I did the right thing especially when I saw the result. I hope you know what I mean, it was a protest. There is no other way, is there? Her views seemed to be those

of several others, akthough two women and one man in the same area said with some force :
"It's the blacks, isn't it? You've got to do something."
Mr Mackay, glowing from his victory and ready to report at Westminster on Monday, said he would continue to take what he called a realistic, sensible and moderate line on immigra-tion, and would speak on it. There seemed little doubt that his earlier hard line had led to all the will a discreet rap on the knuckles ag seems to from the Tory leadership. He tis the same dismissed a suggestion by Mr Sometimes, Brons that he should intro-

being working-class, I feel duce a private Bill on immigra-ashamed, but I cannot take to rion.

mr. Gopsill said that Mr good man and replaced him by

Mr Albert Mallaber, a middle-aged Post Office worker and Labour voter, seemed to encapsulate many of Stechencapsulate many or steen-ford's views. He said of those who defected, "They ought to be damned well ashamed of themselves, particularly those who 'voted' with pint pots in their hands in the pub rather than the poll, and there were a lor of them. lot of them.
"This is a working-class sent

and Labour has been good to most of them, if only they thought about it. The car workers here have always set the pace in wages and material things and have had a good life. How quickly they forget when their cigarettes go up and their family car is threatened, even though it is crippling already.

"The National Front did well because you cannot deny that working people see immigrants come here penniless and in no

time some are buying up shops with plenty of money. It causes resentment. The Asians do not want to mix and I know several Labour people who have gone over because of it all. But Stechford is, and will be again, a Labour seat despite Thurs-

A. MacKay (C)
T. Davis (Lab)
A. Brons (NF)
G. Gopsill (L)
B. Heron (Int Marxist) P. Foot (Soc Workers) C majority

General election: R. H. Jenkius (Lab) 23.075; D. J. Wedgwood (C) 11,152; G. A. Gopsili (L) 5,860; Lab majority, 11,923.

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Poli Electorate	55.8°, 61,631	64,1% 62,516	-5.3°6 -865
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Stechford as marginul'

She emphasized the effort the

Government had put into the

by-election, and said people had

been confused by the Labour-Liberal pact. "They expect

politicians to make up their

minds on matters and issues and

not be open to wheeling and

dealing. They have turned

a government with clear authority to govern for the next

four or five years so that we can have a continuous pro-

It was important, she said, to

achieve a smooth transition between Phase Two of the pay policy and full free collective bargaining. Differentials and productivity deals were difficulties.

Mrs Thatcher was given a standing ovation by 350 party workers in Hemel Hempstead.

She told them the Government

was clinging to office and its

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, denied that his party's poor showing in the by-election had

anything to do with the Liberal-Labour pact. The result did not surprise him.

He did not believe a general election would take place in the immediate future.

Speaking about the National Front's showing at Srechford, Mr Steel said he believed a programme of education was

needed to remind the younger generation of where such poli-cies might lead. "It is the kind of politics we do not want to

see grow in this country."

morale was crumbling.

"What is needed in Britain is

politics into a bear garden

Price rises threaten new pact on wages By Tim Jones

Increases in the price of gas and electricity which came into force yesterday lessened the Government's chances of keep-ing the crucial support of the Transport and General Workers' Union in its efforts to obtain another year of voluntary pay restraint from the unions.

The 10 per cent increase on gas and 2 per cent on electricity contrasted sharply with the call made yesterday by hir Jack Jones, general secretary of the transport union, for the nation to be given a "real breather" by an immediate freeze ou prices.

Mr Jones has stated that his mion will be sending an "ex-tremely critical" report on some aspects of the Budget to the TUC's economic committee, His union's distillusionment

over the Budget, together with yesterday's price increases and the prospect of an increase in the price of other commodities, such as bread, will make it difficult for Mr Jones to begin discussing phase three unless there are improvements in the terms that the Chancellor is offering.

oriering.

Mr Healey knows that, because of the size of its block vote at the TUC congress, decisions taken on pay at the transport union's biennial conference in July will be crucial to the future of the special relation-ship between the Government and the TUC.

Mr Jones says in his union journal that a freeze on the prices of essential goods and services and on nationalized industry prices and fares would have a service and services and fares would be a service and fares would be a service as a s help to restore confidence in Britain's chances of economic recovery.

He wants the price code to be "toughened up" so that cost rises are not passed on down the line. "The price gallop is starting again, and industry has the nerve, with its Tory and press supporters, want less price control when its profits are already well on

rises don't make "Price rises don't make sense, whichever way we look at them.
"A price freeze, and a new

price code with powers to tell firms with big profits actually to reduce prices, especially where import costs are fulling because of the stronger pound sterling, would help sales recover, create jobs and get the wheels of industry turning again for the whole nation." Further opposition to a new voluntary agreement on pay will come in Birmingham tomorrow when more than 1,000 elected delegates to the Leyland Cars shop siewards committee meet to discuss the restoration of free collective bargaining.

Peace formula agreed in hospitals dispute

last night dispute between the National Union of Public Employees and the man-agement of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children.

Hackney.

Earlier yesterday five operations on children at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital were cancelled because of the dispute.
The trouble started at Great
Ormond Street when three
porters refused to remove
medical files from a basement, said to be several inches deep in water in places, and claimed an overtime payment for extra duty. They were suspended on full pay. Other porters at Great Ormond Street and colleagues at

Queen Elizabeth Hospital stopped work in sympathy.
As a sesult of talks the mion agreed to recommend a return to work "at the earliest oppor-tunity" and the hospital man-agement agreed to reinstate the suspended employees when that took place. The joint secretaries of the Aucillary Staffs Whitley Council are to be asked to decide whether conditions in the basement store are normal working conditions, or what the payment should be for clearing the files there.

Belfast shuttle aircraft Break-up of Break will stay overnight From Christopher Walker when the mortars exploded at Aldergrove early last year", an

For the first time: in more than four years British Airways will park an aircraft overnight at Belfast's Aldergrove airport on a regular basis.

That change in security policy is understood to have been made after prolonged consultation with the Ministry of Defence. It has been introduced to ease the running of the airline's new shuttle service between Belfast and London, which started yesterday.

Aldergrove is regarded by the security forces as one of the main prestige targets for the Provisional IRA and it has been attacked several times. The whole of Northern Ireland has been blacklisted by British Airways crews since 1972 because of their fear of assassination by the IRA. They refuse to stay overnight in the arrayage. overnight in the province.

The aircrew ban is to remain for the present although the airline is hoping that it may be lifted soon. "We were almost at the point of persuading the

Family held

while bomb

guard that there was a bomb in

official said yesterday.

Elaborate plans have been made by the Army and the RAF to guard the shuttle jet, a Trident valued at more than flm. It will be towed across the tarmac every night after servic-ing to an RAF bangar a quarter of a mile from the main airport building.

Crews, will continue to be flown out to sleep in Glasgow and will be brought back each morning. Last year the extra service flights cost British Air-ways about £500,000, nearly half the airling action and half the airline's estimated loss on the Belfast route.

British Airways acknowledges that the rigorous security pre-cautions at Aldergrove and Heathrow clash seriously with their attempts to provide a rapid walk-on, walk-off service

to attract extra traffic.

Because of those difficulties
the Belfast shuttle did not run smoothly on its inaugural day. My flights to and from Belfast yesterday were delayed by more than 30 minutes and at Heathcrews to change their minds row passengers were angry.

Irish fishing zone defined

was delivered unilaterally From Our Correspondent Dublin An Ulster family was held The Irish Government

An Ulster family was held hostage yesterday to force the fether to drive a bomb to a Belfast barracks. The resulting explosion caused no casualties and little damage.

According to the ermy, the man was forced to drive to the main gates of the Palace Barracks, on the Holywood Road, Belfast, leaving his family at their home in the Twinbrook area. taking unilateral action to establish an exclusive 50 to 100-mile fishing 20ne. After a Cabinet fishing zone. After a Cabinet meeting yesterday it decided to introduce an Order excluding from Irish waters boats longer than 110ft with engines of more than 1,100 bp. The Order becomes effective from midnight, Easter Day.

Action has been postponed twice to enable EEC negotiations to proceed, but the Community's suggestions proved unshoured to the barrack

munity's suggestions proved un-acceptable to Dublin. Mr Don-egan, Minister of Fisheries, said yesterday the new regulations covered "the Irish box". It would extend 50 miles from the coast and in some cases 100 miles because of indentations. Mr Donegan said other mem-

guard that there was a bomb in
the car and was ordered to
drive across the road away
from the sates. The device exploded a few minutes later.

The Army said later that the
bomb contained up to 50lb of
explosives. Responsibility for
the attack was claimed by the
Provisional IRA.

In Londonderry bomb disposal experts defused two cassette incendiary devices found
in a shopping bag dropped in
Crosmore Gardens by a man
being chased by security forces.
The man escaped. bers of the Community would be invited to submit fishing plans for approval, with a view to the introduction of a scheme on the lines proposed by the

marriage 'led major to raid banks'

The scandalous break-up of his marriage led a former major in the Life Guards to walk into two banks and put mock timebombs before the managers, it was claimed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr William Howard, OC, for the defence of Thomas Monta. gue Hickman, said it was the beginning of the end for Mr Hickman when his exception. ally beautiful wife went away. Armed with a shotgun, he twice went into banks with mock bombs, the first time getting away with £17,500.

On the second occasion he was tackled by the manager and eventually captured in the street after fighting his way out

Captain Charles Goodson Wickes, Mr Hickman's former surgeon captain in the Life Guards, told the court the major had been a deeply committed devoted to his wife and children. He had still not properly recovered from the break-up of

his marriage.

Major Timothy Gooch. former adjutent, said Mr Hick-man clearly became depressed because of the somewhat public end of the marriage. He agreed with Mr Howard that it had been something of a scandel in the regiment, and that another officer had resigned as a result, Mr Hickman, of Byfield, Daventry, Northamptonshire, admitted possessing a shot-guid and robbing Barclays Bank, Reading, and the manager, Mr. John Lewis, of \$17,500 in December, 1974. He also admitted shortening the barrels of a shortening the barrels of a shortening to rob Mr Alan Grant the manager, at the National Westminster Bank in Guildford High Sweet, Surrey, in December, 1976, having a shotom with interes to commit an offence, unlawfully wounding Mr Grant, and using a firearm with intent to recor stress. Mr Merven Griffith Jones, the

Common Seriesna, passed 2 jall TWO-YEAR suspended for two years. He ordered Mr. Hickman to repay £10,000 to Barclays Bank within the next 12 months or go to jail

for a year.

He said Mr Hickman would have gone to jail for a very considerable time had he not been satisfied he was fundam tally ill in mind at the time

No police action on ship

Det Chief Supt Charles Naan, By a Staff Reporter with a search werrant, was ordered to leave a solicitor's office by a High Court judge, who dictated an injunction to him over the relephone, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Nasn, head of Cambridge-shire CID, was conving out a search for a document at the offices of Winters, solicitors, at telephoned Mr Justice Croom-Johnson in London.

Mr Naan confirmed yesterday that the judge ordered him to break off the search, which was taking place at 5 pm on March 3. The matter is subjudited and 1 can see problem judice and I can say nothing more", he added.

Judge stopped

police search

by telephone

The validity of the search warrant is to be rested before the Lord Chief Justice at a hearing expected on Tuesday. after 'crew takeover' call

Devon and Cornwall police said last night they were taking no action against the crew of a British cargo ship whose captain bad radioed for naval assist-

ance saying: "Crew have taken The Royal Navy sent the Leander class frigate Cleopatra towards the ship, the Gomba Atlantic-African Line. The frigate was too far away to catch her up and a Nimrod recon-naissance aircraft found her.

The Gomba Progress, with a crew of 12, reached Falmouth slowly in bad weather. Earlier the captain had told Land's End radio that he had locked himself

in the wheelhouse. At Falmouth the ship was boarded by a group of police sent to meet her in the bay, but

no longer involved.
They said: "As it would sppear there are a number of

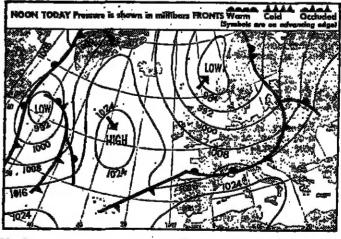
grievances on the part of the crew, agents for the owners and officials of the seamen's union are now on board discussing They added that a dispute over pay and mail had been growing over the past few weeks. An engine breakdown

was followed by a failure of the refrigeration plant, and fresh meat was thrown overboard. On Thursday night the captain ordered a change in ensine speed, which was not complied with. Chief Inspector Richard Tre-

chief Inspector Richard Ins-melling, who led the police party that boarded the stip, said: Everything was peaceful and quiet. The captain seems to have misjudged the situation."

NOON TODAY

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

6.34 am. Moon sen : Moon rises : 5.33 am. Fall moon : April 4. Lighting up: 8.5 pm to 6.2 am.

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High water: London Bridge, 12.58 sm, 6.4m (21.1ft); 1.28 pm, 1.48 am. 7m (22ft); 2.16 pm, 6.3m (22.6ft). Avoamouth, 6.38 7.4m (24.3ft). Avoamouth, 7.26 am, 12.4m (40.8ft); 7.10 pm, 12.9m (42.2ft). Dover, 10.37 am, 13.5m (43.3ft); 7.58 pm, 12.9m (42.2ft). Dover, 10.37 am, 13.5m (43.3ft); 7.58 pm, 12.9m (20.4ft); 10.59 pm, 6.5m (21.4ft); 11.38 pm, 6.5m (21.4ft); 11.38 pm, 6.5m (22.5ft). Hold, 6.27 am. 7.1m (22ft); 5.52 pm, 7m (23ft). Liverpool, 10.45 am, 8.9m (29.1ft); 11.11pm, 9.1m (29.7ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.32 am. Sum sets: Moon sets: Moon rises: 6.1 am. Full moon : Tomorrow. Lighting up : S.7 pm to 6 am.

A deep low is moving slowly over Scandinavia and a trough of low pressure will progress S over the British Isles with a summy intervals; wind W, veering NW, fresh; max temp 8°C

Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands. Argyli, N Ireland: Frequent rather cold, unstable NW stream predomineting. stream predomineting.

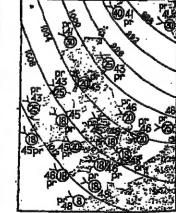
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
Loudon, SE, SW, central 8
England, Midlands, Channel
Islands, S Wales: Mainly dry
and sunny at first, then scattered
showers, heavy, with thunder in
places, sunny intervals: wind W,
reering NW, fresh; max temp
10°C (50°F).

East Anglia, N Wales, NW,
central S, E England: Sunny at
first, then heavy showers and Argyll, N Ireland: Frequent showers, wintry in places, perhaps with thunder, sunny intervals, especially later; wind NW. fresh or strong: max temp 7°C (45°F). Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orisney. Shettand: Frequent wintry showers and smmy intervals; wind N, strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;





Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm. 13°C (55°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 57 per cent. Rain. 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.06in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 3.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 997.4 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Monday: Sunny intervals and scattered showers, wintry in N: cloud and rain preceded by sleet or snow spreading to many N districts on Monday; rather cold with night frost in places.

Sea passages: 5 North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W, strong to gate, veering NW, fresh or strong; sea very rough, becoming moderate. moderate.
English Channel (E): Wind W. strong, veering NW, fresh; sea rough, becoming moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W to NW, strong to gale or severe gale, becoming NW, fresh or strong; sea rough or very rough.



Unique in Britain - built d' Batin's Hot Springs 2000 years égo. Als imp Room, faccinating Museum of Cos ne. Assembly Rooms, magnificé jatin Cent. buildings Colour de 25p from KG Con. Pump Room Bath.

Mrs Thatcher cancels engagements in autumn in readiness for election A general election in the ham to attend the European had extended the whole mean conference of social democratic parties and trade union feder-ations on economic policy and employment. He is to return to Britzin tonight. ing of marginal constituencies "No one would have described

by Mrs Theacher, leader of the Opposition, after her party's victory in the by-election at Birmingham, Stecisford.

cuss the result. He spent vestered to distance to the result. He spent vestered to wish the result. He spent vestered to the past two years, specifically because she experted an election. This is a very to the of his visits was to a BSR electrical components plant at Cradley Heath, near Dudley.

West Midlands. considering the best way to oppose the petrol tex increase, adding: "Clearly, to knock a large hole in the Chancellor's Budget on Monday would be a BSR electrical components plant at Cradley Heath, near Dudley.
West Midlands, where 400 cal factory, in the Welwyn and workers, on a go-slow because of an overtime dispute, agreed to return to normal working on Thursday.

Ir the afternoon Mr Callage has flew to Oslo from Birming.

Protest votes helped the

tion of Taxes Act, used by both Conservative and Labour gov-ernments, the increase has already been levied since A protest vote against the Government and disflusion-ment with the Liberal Party were the main factors in the budget day, and there could be administrative chaos if Par-liament then voted against its collection. The situation is further complicated by the in-Conservative victory in the Birmingham, Stechford, byelection, according to an opinion poli conducted for Independent Television News by the Opinion Research Centre.

The poll, among 571 vocers at four voting stations, showed that the Conservatives gained 14 per cent of votes cast for and was "no Part of our igreement".

After the peeting in Nelson Mr Steel said: "We are looking for a cohpromise with the Governmentas to how the total amount of voney in the Budget can be raisd without the extra tax on perol. My own view is that people would rather have the personal option of more on such things as been than be faced by a compulsory rise in petro."

Although he Liberals did not want to "bock a great hole in the Budget" they wanted to find an alernative to dearer petrol. "We must find a compromise by the must find a compromise by the must find a compromise by the dearer petrol interest of living as the metal increase of living as the Labour at the last general elec-tion, and 27 per cent of the Liberal vote in addition to 45; per cent of those voters who did not vote in 1974.

Nuclear waste

responsibility

to be changed

By Our Energy Correspondent

Overall government responsi-bility for the management of

radioactive nuclear waste is to be transferred from the Depart-

ment of Energy to the Department of the Environment. Both ministries have agreed

on Environmental Pollution.
The commission, under the chairmanship of Sir Brian Flowers, said the responsibility for developing the best strategy

to promote nuclear power.

It also recommended that the Secretary of State for the Environment should be advised

by a nuclear waste manage-

ment advisory committee, on which there would be a strong

Mr Benn, Secretary of State

for Energy, agreed with the commissions recommendations

Mortgage rate cut.

environmental representation.

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Tories, opinion poll says ellegiance since 1974, and most who changed from Labour did so as a "protest vote". The Labour defectors, the poil indicated, were mainly skilled workers. More than half said the Government's alliance with the Liberals had made them less inclined to vote Labour. It also took a toll on the Liberal vote.

cent of the strong National Front showing to former Labour voters, and indicated that more than half of National Front voters were trade union

Questions about the relevant Liberal vote in addition to 45 virtues of the party leaders per cent of those voters who did not vote in 1974.

A third of voters said they adept at dealing with unions had changed their party and crises than Mrs Thatcher.

> Four years for drug smuggiers

Two South American women, Clara Lopes and Gladys Hen to both aged 28, were sentenced at Middlesex Crown Court resterday to four years' imprisonment for their part in smuggling 2,646 grams of cocaine into Heathrow sirport, London, on August 14 last. Judge Solomon said: "To traffic in cocaine is to deal with living death ".

Bitten by rattlesnake

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a first date than many people realize, Dr. Gien Wilson, of London University, told the British Psychological Society

Many unattractive partners are likely to be rebuffed within

two hours of meeting, experi-

ments in computer dating show. Attributes such as intelligence

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Mortgage interest rates for Attributes such as intelligence nearly 2,000 borrowers with Northampton Borough Council Potential lovers or marriage Northampton Borough Council
were cut by 1 per cent to 12
per cent yesterday.

Potential lovers or marriage
parmers were often put off
simply on the basis of first

yesterday.

conference in Exeter

Six more arrests in large drugs conspiracy case yesterday were charged that between June, 1973, and March,

with alleged drugs offences, police at Swindon, Wiltshire, said. They declined to say where the arrests had taken place or when charges, if any, would be made. Six men were remanded in custody by Swindon magis-

custody by Swindon magis-trates yesterday until April 7 on a drugs conspiracy charge. They bring to 29 the number of people charged at Swindon after last week's big police operation, in which the target was said to be an LSD manu-facturing and distributing net-work.

1977, they conspired to con-travene the Missue of Drugs Act, 1971.
In court with them were 20 others, including two doctors, two chemists and an author, who were remanded in custody

earker. One was remanded on £500 bail with three £500 sureties and required to surrender his passport and report fortnightly to police. The others were remanded in oustody
The 20 had been charged with illegal possession of drugs.
Yesterday additional charges were laid against 18 of them.

14 alleging drugs conspiracy, two illegally supplying drugs

Looks before personality at first date Good looks are more vital on impressions, Dr Wilson said. first date than many people Girls, more than boys, tended ealize, Dr. Gien Wilson, of to seek partners with a similar stimulated by pornographic pictures.
Dr David Crawford told the level of attractiveness to their conference that sexual offen-

ders at Broadmoor Hospital are A man with an attractive girl being brought into contact with is presumed to have desirable characteristics, Dr Wilson said. The girl is more likely to draw the approval of onlookers, perhaps because she is demonstrat-ing that, although attractive, she is more interested in personality than looks.

the opposite sex as part of a new treatment, and women therapiess are acting as guineapies in the method.

Many rapiess and other sexual offenders totally lacked social skills, he said, so mock parties, discotheques and bars were set up to help actions to make any Men are more attracted to up to help patients to make con-physical characteristics and are tact with the opposite sex.

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OVERSEAS

From Patrick Brogan

Washington, April 1

The American Government

has decided to return tit for tat

after the breakdown of the

strategic arms limitation nego-

dent's national security adviser,

said this morning that Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign

Minister, had made inaccurate

American side had not expected that the Russians would accept the proposals immediately because they went much farther than Vladivostok and

unlike previous proposals,

tiations in Moscow. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Presi-

was 'inaccurate' in his

denunciation of US proposals

sides."

"It will take some time for the Soviet leaders to appreciate the mutual advantages of this

the mutual advantages of this proposal "the said.

In spite of their brave words, the American leaders know that they are facing a foreign affairs crisis. The President mounted a large-scale verbal attack on the Soviet Union for its violations of human rights and then revealed publicly the outlines of the radical disarmament proposals he intended to submit.

They called essentially for

submit.

They called, essentially, for the Russians to give up all their best weapons in exchange for an American promise not to develop new weapons which would be better than the Russian ones, but which are not yet ready for use.

The Russians have turned him down and have raised the question of American short-range missiles in Europe and their naval bases in Scotland and Spain.

and Spain.
Our Moscow Correspondent writes: The failure of Mr.
Vance's Moscow mission came

as no surprise to American dip-lomats here. They had advised Mr. Vance from the outset that his proposals on strategic arms

limitation would be unaccept- on Rhodesia.

already rejected first and fore-most the exemption of the

Cruise missile from the Ameri-

. President Carter's initiatives

as much at the opening session

ernments on Rhodesia and southern Africa as a whole, Mr

Vance had a long discussion at the Foreign Office yesterday-morning and left for Paris after

Mr Vance said he would be

meeting Dr Owen again, after

the Foreign Secretary's African

tour, to decide how to proceed

Abakar Koumba, the communi-

General Malloum, who was reported to be safe, later left for Brazzaville, the Congolese

capital to attend the funeral of Major Marien Ngouabi, the Congolese President, who was shot dead on March 18.

After he left a nine-hour

curfew was imposed on the

city, which was reported to be

calm as night fell. Guards

surrounded the palace, but the

General Malloum came

power in a military coup two years ago when President Tombalbaye was assassinated.

Last year, on the first anniversary of the coup, eight

people died in a bomb attack on General Malloum. Four members of the Chad National

Liberation Front were sen-

tenced to death last week for their part in the attack.

Quebec to

airport remained open.

tone of the Soviet press. Our Diplomatic Correspondent

can missile count

Rape victim to give in to fear

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, April I

Signorine Claudia Caputi, who was attacked by youths with razors on Wednesday in an attempt to frighten her into silence, said today that she would continue to give evidence against a gang greened. would continue to give evidence against a gang accused of raping her last August. From her hospital bed, she asked that the trial of seven of the men charged with rape should be postponed so that she could give evidence against

them in person.
Some 15,000 women took part in a march last night to express

solidarity with her.
Signorina Caputi, aged 18,
stated that since she decided
to face her attackers in court
she had received many
threats, including threats of The men who had attacked

her two days ago, she said, had warned her that if she did not desist she would be shot. She claimed that she recognized her attackers as part of the group which raped her in August.

The case is just beginning to be understood in its full sainusness by public opinion. The Italian public is more at home with crimes which can promptly be given a political label.

The case of Signation her two days ago, she said, had warned her that if she

label.

The case of Signorina Caputi, however, has sinister undertenes which most people would probably sooner forget.

Her attackers on both occa. sions were youths who are the product of the semi-slums and suburbs of Rome which have grown up as a result of the shift from the countryside to the cities in the postwar period. They belong to the first genera-tion to be brought up in these

surroundings.
These young people are blamed for a large part of the huge increase in violent crime in the city. Political violence has some recognizable motive, however warped. Mindless violence is quite different

Political violence was red, blamed for the death last night reg, of a long driver who went to red, prescue his son under attack by resyouths said to be of the extreme

belongs to the local section of the right-wing Italian Social

British airliner in near miss

Ship with US fighter

Frankfurt: April 1.—A

rikish airlingt was lighter in bad
shilling over West Germany
day, use Federal Air Safety

nare reported.

A spokesman said the inci-nt happened about 25 miles of Frankfurt as a Boeing 7 of the Britancia charter ine from London was flying 31.500fr to Vienna. is was the latest in a series

in near misses between milier West Germany. The spokesman said flight name at Karlsruhe monkored ree American Phanouns
preaching the airliner. Two
as are at 32,410ft end the third 28,870st. Then the lower human suddenly climbed into the Boeing to in the other two. On the dar arreen blips repres

a airliner and the fighter larged. The pilot of the British airper had not reported a near its, the spekesman said, and a official er United States in Force headquarters at emstein said no report had een received there either.



President Sadat and Herr Schmidt, the West German leader, in Bonn yesterday.

Mr Sadat wins aid from Bonn

From Grerel Spitzer Bonn, April 1 Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, has accepted an invitation to visit Egypt This was announced by President Sadat after discussions this morning. He hoped that the visit would take place in December.

in December.

Talking to the press after their talks, Herr Schmidt and President Sadat agreed that

He was careful not to com-mit himself on the role of the Palestinians at the conference, however. He believed that the Palestinians had to take part in the conference in one way or another.

President Sadat announced Fresident Sadat announced further German aid to Egypt. He did not disclose the sum, which is still subject to approval by the Bundestag, but it is an open secret that it amounts to DM250m (f62.5m), DM200m in

The mood of the majority re-

Most observers consider that

mains morose and that of its

Gaullist element sceptical and

an opportunity has been missed of striking the popular imagin-

some talk in recent weeks.

brai from the opposition.

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There are a number of bright

Marc Becan, a Gaullist who won

But the appearance of new

What is really new and marks

foreshadowed reconciliation is

likely to be purely superficial

and break down at the first trial.

those one announces, but those

1977 offered good chances for bringing abour a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Resumption of the Geneva conference this year would offer an opportunity for the possibility to become reality, Herr Schmidt said.

He was careful not to come Secretary of State, could delay the solution of other problems such as the Middle East issue. He was rather concerned about developments in the Mediter-ranean and Africa.

ranean and Africa:
There were Mediterranean states such as Libya that made it easier for the Soviet Union to do what it wanted. In Egypt's opinion the Mediterranean spinion the Mediterranean should be a sea of peace and Africa should be left in peace so that its people could determine developments at their own discretion.

M Barre to stick to his economic policy

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 1

M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, in a television broad-cast tonight that was expected to map the course of his new Government, stated categorically that his economic policy would remain unchanged.

"It would not be intellectually because the state of the state of

ally honest or worthy of a gov-ernment to open the sluices, to try to win votes by making the economy run considerable risks", he declared. It was not by demogoguery that the prob-lems of the country could be The new Government's first objective was to pursue eco-nomic recovery. A special effort would, however, be made to deal with unemployment.

Replying to criticism that his new team was more serious than original more solid than brilliant, he retorted that he did nor like gimmicks.

The government majority had

elections because it had not re-newed itself enough, he went on. In politics as elsewhere, there was a phenomenon of wear and tear. "The assump-tion of government responsibilities by young, dynamic and competent men will allow the changing of the guard necessary to ensure the majority's suc-

However, the annountement earlier this evening of M Barre's second team of junior ministers seems haidly likely to impress the public with the vision of a powerful and dynamic new administration. capable of stemming the tide flowing in favoir of the left and of bringing retory to the governing majority in 12 months' time.

fied subsidies.

Mr Gradelach disclosed also

that he Commission he de-cided to reduce the unter

Italian party line on Nato in doubt

socialism should now be strong socialism should now be strong enough to withstand free discussion. He said he was in favour of the Soviet intervention in Hungary in 1956 because at that time "socialism in Hungary was a weak plant the danger of counter-revolution was strong". Now only minorities would want to abandon socialism. of striking the popular imagin-ation by bringing into the Cabinet some prominent names with something of a public resonance, such as M Chaban-Delmas, the former Prime Minister and mayor of Bordeaux, of whom there was some talk in recent weeks.

abandon socialism.

The achievements of socialist countries had "matured the countries had "matured the site individual freedom. The Quimper for the government majority, and M Jacques Legendre, who wrested Cam-Italian party believes that this must be the next phase of his-

torical development.

We are against all restrictions on freedom of travel, comers or the creation of new freedom of discussion, freedom of assembly", he said: He did not think social democracy posts—like that of the new State Secretary for Research—is not enough to give substance to the would have the slightest chance notion of renewal and change which President Giscard of success in Russia or East d'Estaing's television broadcast on Monday had led the country

of success in Russia or hast Europe. "It has been overtaken by history", he said.

Asked whether the Italian Communist Party would resign peacefully if defeated in an election, he replied: "I think we would if we lost the support of the people." He seemed to find this difficult to imagine. find this difficult to imagine,

a turning point in the presi-dency of M Giscard d'Estaing is the attitude of M Jacques Chirac and his Gaollists. The however. Once the working class has acquired hegemony and led Italian society out of its almost permanent crisis it would be In fact, the Gaullist leader's speech to his party's seminar at Les Baux the day before yesterdifficult to envisage anyone wanting regression from a better state of society to a worse state ", he said. day was, without mentioning him by name, highly critical of the President. Frenchmen he declared, "are weary of a certain way of talking about reforms. Real reforms are not reforms. Real reforms but those

If such an unreasonable view were to prevail, however, would be bow to it? "It is in the logic of our policy that we would", he said.

Guards beat off coup Mr Carter attempt in Chad

Smith minister spregasts

Mr Mark Partridge, Rhode. Operations, a supreme military commander, and a Minister of today that he expects the guerilla conflict to "get worse and Order."

However the Government did culty in clarifying this complex division of responsibility, if war "in the normal sense" He began the televised press

of war "in the normal sense"

He began the televised press
and would not treat captured conference with an attack on
African nationalist guerrillas as communism and said the Rus-

his yacht Ndjamena, Chad, April 1.— Security forces crushed an attempted coup against Presi-dent Felix Malloum of Chad From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 1 Washington, April 1
President Carter has decided to give up one of the pleasant perks of his office, the yacht Sequoia, It is kept on the Potomac River and presidents in the past have used it to escape the cares of office and menterain their friends here today after a battle out-side the presidential palace. Lieutenant Mahmoud Abderhaman, the Justice Minister, announced in a radio broadcast. A colonel was killed and about a dozen other troops wounded in the attempt to to entertain their friends. to entertain their friends.

Mr Carter, who has handed the yacht to the Navy, deprived a number of his assistants of their chauffeur-driven cars when he took office. People such as Dr James Schlesinger, who is devising an energy policy, and Mr Jady Powell, the press secretary drive them.

assassinate the President, but the attack was quickly broken up, Lieutenant Abderhaman Some reports said a your heutenant leading about 60 men from Chad's French-armed

paramilitary camel corps, the Garde Nomede, had been arrested after two unsuccessful assaults with troops using bazookas, machineguns and ermoured vehicles.

policy, and Mr Judy Powell, the press secretary, drive themselves to work.

Mr Powell explained today that the yacht, which cost \$800,000 (£470,000) 2 year to run, was used only twice by President Ford last year and twice in 1975. President Nixon used it 31 times in We last war. According to the official communiqué read by Lieutenant Abderhaman, the armed Abderhaman, the accordant attackers included a second named Brahim used it 31 times in Mis last year in office.

by Mr Smith, the Prime Minis-

ter, a Minister of Combined

sians were inviting an atomic

holocaust by their expansionism in Africa Rhodesia's Marxist

neighbours, he predicted, would

decline in slavery and poverty while Rhodesia would "grow

from strength to strength."

Mr Partridge appeared at times, to be contradicting him-

self. While saying he expected the war to intensify, he also said be would be announcing

plans to reduce conscription within a matter of weeks. The present level of conscription

was "higher than our economic activity can sustain for a long

Washington says Mr Gromyko Britain to sound out opinions on Amin visit

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspo

Diplomatic Correspondent
The attitudes of Commonwealth countries towards President Amin will be one of the main issues to be discussed by Lord Thomson, the former EEC commissioner, on his tour of Commonwealth countries, which starts today. on human rights in the Soviet

Union seemed almost deliberately timed to add to Mr Commonwealth countries, which starts today.

As the Prime Minister's personal emissary, he will visit Australia, Singapoore, Malaysia, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Rotswana, Ghana and Nigeria, returning to London on April 22. A second tour in May will include Canada, Barbados, Guyana, Trinidad and Jamaica. It may be noted that Intel Vance's problems and destroy any remaining hope of serious progress in negotiations. Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, said though formally there was no link between the issues, and this was also made clear from the include Canada, Barbados, Guyana, Trinidad and Jamaica. It may be noted that Lord Thomson is not intending to visit Uganda while in Africa. Formally, the purpose of his tour, following previous precedents, is to discuss the agendation the Commonwealth conference in London in June. The underlying motive, however, is to sound out Commonwealth countries about President Amin's proposal to attend the conference in person.

Downing Street denied as "totally untrue" a report yesterday that Mr Callaghan had ordered that President Amin should be refused entry if he landed in Britain. The Government is aware of the great risk of upsetting African countries by seeking to bar an African leader who, moreover, has recently been in the chair of the Organization of African Unity.

Its policy on the emitrary. Our Diplomant Correspondent writes: Mr Vance and Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, have confirmed the close identity of views between their two gov-

Its policy, on the contrary, is to proceed slowly and cautiously in the expectation that, in the end, President Amin will himself decide not to come to

London. The Government is taking the precaution, however, of sounding out Commonwealth coinries, as tactfully as possible, on their views. It would certainly feel surer about its course of action if the preponderant feeling among Commonwealth countries was against President

tries was against President Amin coming.

This was what Mr Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, meant in his letter, reported in The Times yesterday, stating that feelings throughout the Commonwealth would be taken into account nearer the time, when the Goyernment would have to decide whether to allow President Amin to enter the country. This represented the firmest hint yet given by the Foreign Office that if the Government felt justified, it might bar President Amin.

It remains a delicate diplomatic manoeuvre, all the same. It is easy enough to stop Prsident Amin, but there would effect broke up the conference if not the Commonwealth itself. Although his fellow African leaders may disapproy of President Amin in private they would almost certainy feel would almost certainy obliged to support him

As Dr Owen, to Foreign Secretary, has sal there is still plenty of tir-

bilingualism Quebec, April 1.-The Parti Quebecots Government today would introduced legislation requiring obliged widespread use of French in public.

education and private business throughout the province. "There will no longer be any question of a bilingual question of a bil Quebec", the Bill states.

poverty of the primacy of the French language in Quebec.

"In dear the proposal children would have to ehroll in French language schools unless at least one stend also limit and the parent receive at the language school in Quebec. The parent receive at the language school in Quebec, the chances of a limitary of the United States. Sometime areas a least one strongly of the Courte forms in summer receive at the work of the States. Sometime and the work of the States one of the States one of the States. Sometime areas a least one of the States one of the States one of the States. Sometime areas for the future appropriate of what happened and what it means for the future appropriate of the States.

EEC Commission tightens rules on butter subsidy

rom Michael Hornsby

according to Mr. Gundelach, there was a danger that large quantities to butten might be sold with a aid of sort subsidies. This was because of loopholes in lational custums procedures which reduced the time gar between contract and deliver. kussels, April 1 Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the wopean Commissioner for riculture, announced measres today to plug a loophole the Commission's controls deliver.
Forthis reason, the Compission and decided to estend its mostoring system to include applications for both pot and ver cut-price exports of surplus

After the controversial sale i 36,000 tonnes of butter to be Soviet Union last month, he Commission introduced a aw monitoring system whereby pplications for "pre-fixed" port subsidies were made abject subsidies were made ubject to prior approval.

A pre-fixed subsidy is granded to a trader to cover a uture deal up to et least five anonths ahead. This gives him a harantee that the level of the absidy will not be changed beween the conclusion of the sale contract and delivery.

Hitherto po prior approval

export susidy from its present 2510 tone to zero until ion-day, whe the position would e reviewd. the recipied that this year the trackpe of surfus butter could still total 30,000 to 350,00 runes even assuming export of 100,000 to 110,000 tonnes and neasures to boost consumpts within the EEC. Hitherto no prior approval sas required for subsidies ranted on a spot basis. Now,

Sympathy strikes close most of Danish press

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, April 1
Unofficial sympathy strikes
stopped practically all Danish
newspapers today as printing
workers expressed support for the 1,000 printers who have been dismissed by the Berlingske group The strikers have declared that they will not return to work until a settle-ment is reached in the Berlingske conflict, which has be evented publication of about 25 per cent of Danish news-

30.
The only newspapers to publish today were trade union organs, one independent newspaper, and the business daily Bossen, which is printed by the trade union newspapers. Employees of commercial orinters have also joined the artion and their spokesmen have predicted that work is not likely to be resumed until after Easter

paper circulation since January

ing to add pressure to the claims of Denmark's graphic unions in collective bargaining. Negotiations for a new twoyear contract have reached deadlock and the unions claim that the employers organizations have totally ignored their requests and views and that, under the leadership of the Berlingske group, they have launched a total war on the printing prices. printing unions.

men for the publishers have replied that the strike action involving the country's newspapers was poorly timed. The walk-out came last night as the newspapers were going to press. Almost simultaneously there was an announcementhat contact had been made between the Danish council of trade unions and the confederation of employers to discuss ways of ending the Berlingske

The strikers are also intend-

Luckish bribes inquiry

New quake hits Iranian city

In brief

From Michael Knipe

not consider there was a state

prisoners of war in terms of the

war and there is no intention on the part of the Government

to give these murderers the

status of soldiers", Mr Part-

Mr Partridge, who took up the defence portfolio three weeks ago, was speaking at

a press conference which appeared to be designed to bolster the Defence Ministry's

dwindling prestige.
As a result of recent changes

the war is now being prose-cuted by a War Council headed

"We are fighting a terrorist in

Salisbury April 1

Geneva convention.

ridge said.

Moscow, April 1.-An earth-

quake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale struck the Iranian city of Bandar Abbas today, Tass reported from Teheran, Many buildings were destroyed, but there was no immediate report of casualties. A series of earthquakes in

the same area of south-eastern Iran killed 83 people on March 22 Barrear Abbas was the hardest hit city.

Ankara, April 1.—A parliamentary committee considering possible Lockheed bribes in Turkey recommended an inquiry into the activities of three leading figures—Mr Demirel the Prime Minister, Mr Meln, the Defence Minister, and General Semih Sancar, chief of the General Staff.

Strike stops Aights

Arhens, April 1.—Olympic Air ays today cancelled flights to Airgrafa, South Africa, the United States and Canada, and on six domestic routes, because of a continuing strike by pilots. Arab world. Demonstration deaths

Karachi, April 1.—Three people were killed in fighting

when sewige was thrown over women taking part in an anti-Government demonstration in Nawabshah, Sind province, sources said here. Fears for Javan tiger Morges, Switzerland, April 1. -The Javan tiger is in imminent danger of extinction with only four or five surviving,

according to a report by the World Wildlife Fund and the

Indonesian Government.

Israel accuse of secret extradition

Jerusalem, April 1

The parents of a been German woman, who is more held incommunicade on spathan a year in Isolved in an picion of being up an El Al airliner in West German, Israel and Kenya Governments of witholding the news of their daughter's arrest and transfer to Israel.

Frantein Birgita Schulz, aged 23, and he friend, Herr Tomas Renter, aged 24, are to be tried by a secret court soon with three Arab prisoners on charges a membership of a hostile against and endangering the public safety. The parents of

dangerng the public safety. been arrested in Nairobi on minary 18, 1976, while waiting and Herr Reuter disappeared

es membership of a Frau Inge Schulz, who with her husband yesterday visited their daughter at an undis-Arabs are alleged to closed rendezvous, told a press

Reuter were arrested when they arrived in Nairobi three days later. It is alleged that Fräulein Schulz was found to have sabotage instructions written in invisible ink on her abdomen. The five suspects were held by Kenya security agents but later transferred to

conference that after Birgitta

on the perimeter of Nairobi airport from an El Al aircraft to land. It is claimed they were armed with Soviet Strela shoulder-missiles which had been supplied to them with the knowledge of President Amin of Uganda.

The Albert School and Horn the strength of the strengt anonymous letter was received saying that they had been arrested in Kenya but had later been extradited to Israel. It also alleged that Birgitta had been tortured while under interrogation in Kenya in the presence of Israel security Fraulein Schulz and Herr

> After press reports had referred to the possibility that Birgitta might have been moved to Israel, a letter was sent to the West German Embassy in Tel Aviv on December 1. More than a month later 2 reply was received saying that neither the police nor the prison auth-Fräulein Schultz or of Berr Reuter being held in Israel.

Seven held after escape of kidnap victim

Turin, April 1.—Signor Carlo Bongiovanni, aged 28, who was kidnapped on March 3, arrived at a police station last night and said that he had managed to escape from his abductors. to escape from his abductors. Police raided a cellar in central Turin where Signor Bongiovanni, the son of a financier, said he had been held in captivity. Seven people were

arrested and charged with kid-Police said that Signor Bongio ranni was in good condition. He told police that two men had controlled him all the time in the cellar where he had adhesive tape over his eyes and wax in his ears.—AP.

Tractionalists ordered to leave church unlikely to leave of their own

Chardonn the Latin Quarter since the of February have been giv0 days from today, by order a Paris judge, to writer a member of the French my, to work out

the cons of the evacua-

authoriz the Archbishop

Fathergo applied to the

tion with parties.

From Owwn Correspondent of Paris, Cartinal Marty, to do Paris, Ar 1

The litionalist Roman special meeting of some eight parish priests in Paris to conthe Chwof Sr Nicolas du sult them on the action that should be taken over the affair. Ten days ago, M. Jean Regnault, the vice-psesident of the Paris tribunal, inocated his preference for the appointment by order a Paris judge, to evacuateoluntarily.

If the Paris tribunal, indicated his preference for the applintment of a mediator. The expulsion of the traditionalists, he said, authorize call on the police would create an unpleasant to expelm by force. The judge inted M Jean But he reserved his final Guitton, ominent Catholic decision until today. In his final verdict, he reled

The

that, if the traditionalists would not hear reason, they could be compelled to leave by a bailiff, assisted by a police commiscourts week for an sioner and the military, if expulsion. He had been necessary. tionalist "reservation" by giving them a place of worship traditionalists

a church where they can hear Mass in Latin according to the preconciliar rite of St Pius V.
If they were expelled by force,
one of their leaders said, they would occupy another church. Some of them even threatened to occupy Notre Dame.

Cardinal Marty said in a sermon in the cathedral recently that, while he was ready to acknowledge some of the traditionalists' demands and to make. Latin masses with Gregorian plainsong available for those who wanted them, he refused to give official sanction to the schism in the caurch, or to create a tradi-tionalist "reservation" by

will. They insist on being given

Arabic paper to be launched

in London

By Edward Mortimer A daily newspaper in Arabic is to be launched in London this autumn. It will be the only such newspaper outside the

This was announced at a press conference in London by the prospective publisher and editor, Mr Riad El-Rayyes, a Syrian who was formerly a senior correspondent on the Beirut daily An-Nahar. Mr El-Rayyes, who is now chairmann of the newly-formed

Portico group of companies, said his plans were based on a feasibility study by the Economist Intelligence Unit. He explained that his reason for publishing the newspaper in London was to escape censor-

ship and political pressures in

Arab countries.

Rightists claim capture of Lebanese border villages

the Israeli border were reported to have been captured by the leftist-Palestinian alliance. Right-wing militiamen ap-

peared to be stepping up a protracted offensive aimed at taking control of the entire frontier The Falangist radio reported

that rightist fighters had taken the villages of Elida, Meiss ej Jabal, Markaba and Deir sources said the report was based only on rumours.

Yesterday, informed sources run the leftist stronghold of been deployed south of the Taybeh, near Deir es-Sirian.

Beirut, April 1.-Four The first three of the hamlets southern Lebanese villages near reported to have been captured today are dotted along the north-south road running parato have been captured by llel to the barbed wire fence right-wing units today after which forms the Lebanese-fierce fighting with forces of Israeli border. Deir es-Sirian is a few miles from Beaufort, the a new miles from Beautoff, the ancient crusader castle still held by leftists and Palestinians. Beautoff Castle has a commanding view over the valley of the river Litani, widely regarded as the "red line" beyond which Israel has said it totally not taleasts any non-

Lebanese Arab forces. The civil war in most parts of Lebanon ceased on Novemes-Sirian. But Palestinian ber 15 when the Arab League peace keeping force, compris-ing mostly Syrian regulars, moved into main combat zones to separate the opposing units.

would not tolerate any non-

Prisoner on

to stay in an

over the weekend than to pay his return fare to Oswestry.

accommodation even at one of London's cheapest hotels would

exceed the return fare.

Although social security officials last night refused to discuss Mr Meredith's case, all said that he would be found accommodation during the weekend and be given spending the master would be

return fare. Mr Meredith had been at

Tuesday when he surrended to

exceed the return fare.

remand

By Clive Borrell

of public funds.

hotel

Man in the news: DPP under more scrutiny A lawyer who has some special credentials

By Marcel Berlins

Legal Correspondent Mr Tony Hetherington (no one calls him by his real first name Thomas) takes over the office of Director of Public Prosecutions at a time when it is increasingly becoming the subject of public scrutiny and debate as are individual decidebate, as are individual decisions made by the director.

With proposals from a number of directions that there should be a change in the prosecution system in England and Wales and a review of the exist-Wales and a review of rise existing functions of the DPP, Mr Hetherington is likely to find himself far more in the public limelight and the subject of controversy than any of his

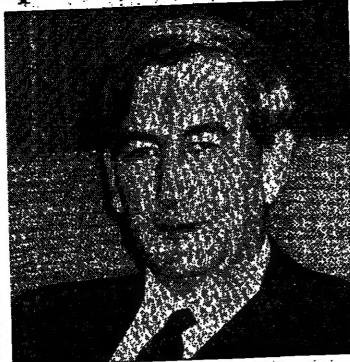
For the past two years he has been the deputy Treasury Solicitor. His most important credentials for the job of DPP, however, come from his 13 years in the Law Officers' department, between 1962 and 1975 face the last time years. department, between 1952 and 1975, for the last nine years of which he was legal secretary. That post, well hidden from the public, is important and influential. Legal secretary to the Attorney General and Solicitor General is the nearest thing mannermaneous secretary. thing to a permanent secretary, which that department has

important decisions which the Attorney General has to take. They include some of the most sensitive and positically highly charged questions of the Attorney Canaral's discretion in the ney General's discretion in the criminal, civil and constitu-

During his period with the Law Officers, Mr Hetherington was invinately involved in the decision-making process on such diverse issues at whether to release the terrorist, Leika Khaled, to prosecute Mr John Poulson, or to take contempt Poulson, or to take contempt proceedings against The Sunday Times for one of its thatidomide

He had special responsibili-ties in the field of terrorism and hombing, including most of England's bomb prosecutions, and was instrumental in setting up the separate DPP's depart-ment that Northern Ireland has

While with the Law Officers he worked in constant and close relationship with the DPP's department, and will come to his new job, on May 16, with rather more knowledge of its difficulties than most appointment to express affice.



Mr Thomas Hetherington in his office in London yesterday.

Mr Hetherington greying but Church, Oxford the son of a outdoor man, passionately fond of the countryside, but burnuch younger looking than his self to be a Scot). He was called dened with no time-consuming to the reports and advises on all educated at Rugby and Christ to the Bar in 1952, He is an hobbies,

Only 1,000 cinemas may remain next year

By Our Acts Reporter

A warning that there could be fewer then 1,000 cinemas in Britain next year is given in the monthly journal of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians.

The journal says that aiready there are no more than 1,500, compared with Italy's 10,000. A report by the union's film production branch says that the British film industry is in acute need of government help.

A resolution for debate at the union's annual conference this weekend says the tax on each cinema seat sold should be directed to the purpose for which it was introduced, to provide finance for British film

The resolution recommends a cut-off point after which the money would no longer accrue to the named film but would be credited to the producer. It would not be released to him until he started enother produc-

general film production fund.

Moher accuses combune over missin baby

Members of a London primal the year commune, known locally in Brixton as The Screature, were accused by a you mother in the Family Division of the High Court yesterday of elping her estranged husband keep on the move with their aughter, of 15 months. By Our Health Services of 15 mouths.

Tudge Baker suthorized -3xi-Arm publicity to try to the aged ristopher mine the 6th tall, with a is more the 6th tall, with a is curiy blond tall, with is more blonde hair, a scar on his nose and half the little finger of his left hand

The judge was told that since leaving the commune in Villa Road, Brixton, in January with his daughter, Julia Melinda, he had travelled with her to other primal therepy communes in southern Ireland, Glassow and Sweden. The girl travelled in a carrier on her father's back. Her mother, Mrs Waltraud Hyde, aged 27, who was born in Germany, of St Agnes Place, Kennington, London, said she believed they had also been to Cologne, Amsterdam and Paris, supported by commune mem-bers, but that they might now be back in England.

Corrections

The Crafts Advisory Committee points out that its Government grant for 1976-77 was £670.000, grant for 15/6// was 2000.000 in official figures from which our report was taken on Wednesday. Those nigares from which our report was taken on Wednesday. Those omitted to state that last year's grant to the crafts included Scot-land, but this year's (£770,000) is for Eugland and Wales only. A report on the Budget on March 30 suggested that the Department of Education and Science was not involved in the plan to train extra mathematics and science teachers. The department, which is respon-sible for teacher training, is in-volved in discussions about the training programme but the Department of Employment is pay-

'No room for separate policies'

Elgin The Government's rejection

The Government's rejection of economic powers for a Scottish assembly was reaffirmed vesterday by Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, at the annual conference of the Convention of Scottish Local authorities (Code) (Cosla).
There is no room within a

single domestic market for separate economic policies, he said, indicating that the inter-party talks on devolution are highly unlikely to change the Government's mind on that

Nevertheless, he said later that the Liberel Party's pro-posals for an assembly to be

given taxation powers were in a different category. The Government had undertaken to discuss the issue thoroughly with the Liberals in the talks taking place next week.

The Government sees little chance of devolution legislation

being passed in the present Parliamentary session and even the inter-party talks seem cer-tain to continue for a long time. Mr Smith could give no indi-cation of when the talks might finish; he said the pact between the Labour Government and the the Labour Government and the Liberals had complicated matters. He emphasized, however, that the Government would to go shead with legis-lation on devolution at some

rerence appeared unenthusiastic about many aspects of devolu-tion. Sir George Sharp, presi-dent of Cosla, was well sup-ported when he expressed a personal doubt that the Scottish people really wanted an assembly.

Like several other speakers he could not see how an assembly in Edinburgh could avoid "poking its finger" into local Government affairs.

The Rev Geoffrey Shaw, con venor of Strathclyde Regional Council, said he would strongly resist any move towards centra-lization, whether it was in Edinburgh, Westminster or

Child aid 'might cut adult mental illness'

From Our Social Services Correspondent Manchester

Manchester

Much mental filness among adults might be avoided if social workers learned to respond effectively to children at crisis points in their lives, Mrs Claire Winnicott, former director of child care studies at the Home Office, said in Manchester last night.

She told delegates to the child and femily conference of the

BMA challenge

The British Medical Associa-

garet Spencer Convalescent Hospital at Dallington, the Pits-ford House Geriatric Hospital,

Wellingborough Cottage Hospital and Corby Maternity Unit.
Closure of Creaton Hospital,
which deals mainly with chest
ailments, is being considered.

More than 12,000 people staff redundant by operating

legality of pay

bed proposals

treats as a psychotherapist. All but three had suffered early

Once matters began to go wrong, the difficulty had perpetuated itself so that there was almost no escape without help, and possibly not then. Patients needed help to enable them to live more harmoniously with themselves and others and to avoid mental illness or suicide. Their early traumas mainly involved the breakup of their parents' marriage. and femily conference of the involved the breakup of their British Association of Social parents marriage parents for 12 young adult parients she leading to chaotic home life.

find that the illness pattern of the adult mentally ill patient had been laid down in infancy and in early problems of relating to other people, in the first

the point of crisis to recognize that the child had feelings about what was going on, per-haps some of the chock and trauma might have been absorbed concessions and paying cash to mothers, statts next week of Peter Stanswood, of Ports of Peter Stanswood, of Ports of Months of Ports of Appeal yesterday against her murder conviction.

Decline in medical teaching feared

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent Consultants who teach in British medical schools said yesterday that there might be a serious deckine in standards of health care in the next 10 years tion yesterday challenged the legality of a Health Services neaum cere in the next to years
unless policies were changed.
Dr Kenneth MacLean, chairmen of the University Hospitals
Association, which represents
the 26 teaching hospitals in
England and Welles, said legasty of a heath Services
Board proposal in circulars to
health authorities that more
pay beds and consulting room
facilities should be withdrawn
from National Health Service adequate beds must be ensured so that students could be given proper experience in the

In a letter to Lord Wigoder, airman of the board, the asso-pion says that in making pro-the the board must, under British tradition.

Teaching hospitals were facing a cut in resources that inhibited new developments in investigation and treatment that should be tried out and put into practice. into scrake important factors board mat. In particular, the are adequaensure that there the health servalities outside practice. demand for pris to meet the The board was practice. phase out more than using to in addition to the th beds, already being closed as a rand of the Act.

We must ensure that we have a fair share of the cake."
Dr MacLean said. "In the past year or two there has been a tendency to take money away from university teaching hospitals."

the circumstances, but the pro-cess should be inonitored. "We must try to have a career in our university hospitals for our postgraduates in medicine so that they stay in this country.

Britain must maintain facilities for first-class research and for teaching undergraduates. If standards were allowed to fall too far, standards throughout the health service would suffer. because the next generation of doctors would not be as well taught as the last. The association believed that there had already, been some deteriora-

It has made its fears known to Sir Henry Yellowiess, the Chief Medical Officer, and to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

Mr George Bunton, lecturer in clinical surgery at Univer-sity College Hospital, London, said that the time scale of the

before it reported and probably another three years before action on many recommenda-tions might be taken.

The association said the loss

of autonomy previously enjoyed by university hospitals, and the stubifying effect of reorganization had produced an amosphere in which incentive and ability to make progress migh not survive.

The cheotic state of pay policy for the medical profes-sion, which had produced loss of reasonable differentials, had contributed to falling morale. Fix is in the university centres that most of the advances in medical science have been made. It must be clearly realized that the cuts in standards will, in the long term mean that Britain will continue to lose its prestige not only in Europe but in the world, the association said.

Lack of funds heans four Health fears or price rises hospitals will have so close 'unlikely to deter smokers' Four hospitals in Northamptonshire are to be closed because of lack of funds. The area health authority voted yesterday to go ahead with the closures despite objections from various organizations as well as the public. The health authority's outsion will be referred to Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, who will decide when the closures will take place.

deterred by higher prices or by warnings of health dangers, Dr Sidney Chave, senior lecturer in community health at the Lon-don School of Hyziene and Tropical Medicine, has told a Commons inquiry into preven-tive medicine.

Mr Gordon Robert chairman of the authority, say yesterday: "The move can only esult in a further deterioration of Northamptonshire's host all services, with longer wairiblists for treatment. We will take every step to avoid making serff redundant by operating The inquiry is expected to recommend further government action to mitigate the effects of smoking on health. The Comon shoking on nearth. The Committee mons Expenditure Committee publishes its report on Monday, the day the cost of cigarettes will increase by 4p for 20 under the Chancellor's Budget proposal.

In evidence Dr Chave suggested but a mass anti-smoking campaign was less likely to succeed that studies to identify

Smokers are unlikely to be "target groups" of special con-eterred by higher prices or by cern who might be subjected to armings of health dangers, Dr specially prepared health

education programmes.

An expectant mother was likely to be receptive to the knowledge that by smoking she was puring her unborn child at risk Teachers might be another target. The battle against smoking in schools would not be won until they became hon-smoking communities.

Wall kills woman Mrs Pauline Timmius, aged 29, was killed yesterday when high winds caused a wall to topple onto her at West Brom-wich, West Midlands. Two children with her were injured.

addressed the European way-town first, then street and house number.
Nationwide showed a film

signed a petition objecting to early retirements and natural the proposed closure of the wastage. But the threat of Corby Maternity Unit, as redundancies cannot be ruled women would have to travel out." A lot of people fooled for some of the time

By a Staff Reporter
Members of the National "racialists" seeking to address
Union of Teachers, who meet
at Eastbourne next Saturday for with or cooperate with memtheir annual conference, are to bers of racialist organizations; discuss for the first time a the end of "busing" of child motion on racialism.

The motion, which has been proposed by the Wandsworth branch and seconded by North ren on racial grounds; the elimination of school material propagating "racialist and propagating "racialist and imperialist ideas"; and giving

Teachers' union to discuss

first motion on racialism

London, calls on the conferchildren from minority cultures declare its opposition instruction in their native first to the "mounting wave of attacks on the black com-The conference will give the Government the union's opinion of the "great debate" on edumunity", to fight to protect the employment rights of minority groups and to adops cation when it discusses a motion on "educational stancertain policies to oppose dards, opportunities and the They include the exclusion needs of society".

By Kenneth Gosling The pranksters sprang pre-

dictably into action yesterday, fooling a fair proportion of the population some of the time with a variety of spurious information.

Radio was well in the lead in the April fool league, although The Guardian's seven-page supplement on the tenth anniver-sary of the independence of 'San Serriffe" ran the stations a close second. It is probably the first time in newspaper history that genuine advertising has been attracted to an entirely fictitious subject. Radio Merseyside interviewed the owner of a "bionic" borse much favoured for the Grand

a plastic one, thus enabling it Jackson, of the Union of Post to get more spring Office Workers, that letters Radio Carlisle's "scoop" was would in future have to be to get more spring
Radio Carlisle's "scoop," was
that Wordsworth's Dove Cottage
was being sold to an American
and shipped brick by brick to Arizona. Radio Stoke had an interview with Mr Phil Drabble, described as the owner of an Alsatian dog capable of feeding new-born lambs with a bottle. Radio Leeds disclosed a plan

to demolish City Square and ship the Black Prince's statue to the Arabs, with 30p-a-gallon petrol for local citizens as a quid pro quo.
The national networks also did well. BBC Radio 1 had a breakfast-time beauty contest much favoured for the Grand and the Today programme on National because it had had a broken leg bone replaced with listeners, abetted by Mr Tom

about a river in the north of England having amazing properties, including the ability to make hair grow; and members of the public, not to be outdone by the professionals, rang up zoos asking for Mr G. Raffe, Mr C. Lyon, Mr L. E. Phant, Mr Albert Ross and Mr E. Gull.

In the Evening Standard last night Mr Mark Hosenball au-nounced that he had accepted the Home Secretary's deportation order and was preparing to leave for The Guardian's island of San Serriffe.

DIRECT ELECTIONS

Three alternatives to 'first past the post'

Consequences of a new system of voting 'difficult to foresee'

of a system of proportional representation, but reaches no Because train fares between Salop and London are so high, Mr Justice Donaldson decided conclusions.

White Paper the Government points out that article 138 (3) of the Treaty of Rome provided for a system of elections to the assembly on the basis of "direct universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure for all in the High Court yesterday that it would be cheaper to keep a prisoner in an hotel in London The judge told Brian Meredith, of Cartlefields, Oswestry,

assembly on the basis of "direct universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure for all member states".

The European Assembly is very different from the Westminster Parliament, the Winte Paper says, in that it has no independent legislative functions, and a government is not formed from its members. "However, it does have certain limited powers in relation to the Community budget, and it has the power to dismiss the whole of the European Commission." The present the United Kingdom. When directly elected, the assembly will have 410 members, with 31 from the United Kingdom. "Direct elections have increasingly been seen as an important means of strengthening democratic participation in Community affairs."

A Green Paper on direct elections was presented to Parliament that he could be granted bail to answer a contempt of court charge on Monday and stay over the weekend in London out The return fare would cost than £16 and the service from Oswestry is so infrequent that Mr Meredith would have to start travelling on Sunday to arrive in London in time for his court appearance on Mon-The cost of three night's

participation in Community affairs."

A Green Paper on direct elections was presented to Parliament in February, 1976, and a select comminee, set up after a Commons debate in March, 1976, has produced three reports, which "have been of great essistance to the Government in their consideration of these difficult matters."

The nine EEC member states agreed on September 20 last that procedures for the first direct elections should be governed by the national provisions of each member state. The substantive provisions of the agreement would not come into force until all member states had completed their respective constitutional requirements. weekend and be given spending money. His meals would be provided but no one was able to estimate the total cost to the department of his stay in London. All estimated that the cost could be greater than the the police after learning that Mr Justice Melford Stevenson

had ordered him to be jailed not attending a court hearing.
Mr Meredith faces contempt of court proceedings for not appearing to answer allegations that he broke an order not to molest Mrs Janice Morris, of Prince Street, Oswestry.

Animal suffering in tests 'lessened

Many animals used in experiments were better cared for and in a healthier condition than domestic animals, the con-gress of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association was told yesterday. Mr Michael Peretz, president

of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, also said there had been a great reduction in animal suffering during experiments.

Women loses plea

Mrs Elizabeth Thompson aged 37, of Waterlooville, Hampshire, who was jailed for

member states had completed their respective constitutional requirements.

The agreed intention was that the first direct elections should be held in the period May-June, 1978. But in recognition of possible legislative difficulties, 20 binding date was set.

The Government has undertaken to use its best endeavours to be ready for elections by May-June, 1978, and the Queen's Speech of last November contained a commitment to introduce legislation in the present session of Parliament. The White Paper states: There are fundamental constitutional issues involved in direct elections to the European Assembly. It is the view of the Government that before legislation is introduced, there should be debate in Parliament and in the country in which all aspects of the matter are considered. The purpose of this White Paper is to put the issues involved before the Parliament and the people of the United Kingdom.

The electoral system: The White Paper says: The United Kingdom which has developed gradually over the last one and a half central state. It has stood the matter of any other EEC member state. It has stood the mater of the united kingdom being of the state of the state of the state of the state of the constituency is a fundamental part of our traditional elections have been on the basis of the simple majority (farst past the post) electoral system. The concept of the constituency is a fundamental part of our traditional elections have been on the candidate who obtains candidate in the clear knowledge that the candidate who obtains candidate in the clear knowledge that the candidate who obtains candidate in the clear knowledge that the candidate who obtains of the single member constituency is that the candidate who obtains of the careful and objective drawing of constituency boundaries by

act as his member.

The careful and objective drawing of constituency boundaries by ing of constituency boundaries by statutory houndary commissions, with the right of electors to challenge proposed boundaries, and the need for Parliament's subsequent approval, has become part of our democratic process. These traditional practices should not be changed or curtailed for direct elections "except after the most careful consideration of the present and future implications of such a step".

Such a step ".

Under the present system the selection of candidates tends to be decentralized and exercised by the local constituency. Both the party organizations and selection of candidates will be affected by of candidates will be affected by a move to direct elections to the European Assembly, whatever form of electoral practice emerges. Most of our EEC partners use some form of proportional representation for national elections (the White Paper describes those in an annex). For elections to the European Assembly, it seems likely that apart from the Republic of Ireland, they will use some form of list system (Ireland adhering to its single transferable vote

system).
"Thus, if we use our traditional simple majority system . . . there will be significant differences between our procedure and that of the other eight countries who will oc electing members to the same

ing to its single transferable vote

European elections, that might be measure of support. There above regarded as a 'less desirable featore', especially if the small suck to our main possibilities suck to our main possibilities.

The White Paper on direct elections to the European Assembly set out the possibility election systems mentioned in the White Paper are: 1. Simple majority system. as at present used in the United Kingdom. on a regional basis.

2. List system of proportional representation, probably 3. Single transferable vote. 4. Combination of one of the above with compulsory dual mandate, under which a member would serve both in the European Assembly and at Westminster.

number of assembly constituencies (81, against 635 in Westminster) fulfiller distorted the distribution of seats in relation to votes cast.

"There is a further point fuat, particularly if assembly elections fell midway between general elections to Westminster, there could be a wide divergence between the balance of power at Westminster and the party composition of the United Kingdom members of the European Assembly." In a developing situation, that could lead to friction between the Government, or even between the Government and the assembly fisch.

It would be possible to resolve some of these problems by adopting a system of proportional representation for elections to the European Assembly.

since the European Assembly does
not constitute a legislature or provide a government, and since its
members do not have the same
constituency responsibilities as a
Westminster MP, proportional
representation ... neght not be
open to the same objections as
proportional representation for the
Westminster Parliament. A different institution might warrant a
different form of election.

The adoption of a list system
would bring the United Kingdom
into line with most of its European
partners, and would ensure that
the allocation of seats was more
proportional to the votes cast for
the competing parties. Since there
would not be more than about a
dozen regions, it could also be
specifly brought into operation.

"To abandon our traditional
method in this way would be a
major constitutional innovation,
the consequences of which are
difficult to foresee."

It could lead to changes in
party organization, giving central
or regional organizations a higger
role in nominaing candidates. The
electorate might be confused by
different systems for netional and
European elections, though voters
in Northern Ireland have coped
with that since 1973. There might
have to be yet another change if
a different system were adopted

with that since 1973. There might have to be yet another change if a different system were adopted if and when European elections were put on a common basis, by agreement of all member governments.

ments.

Besides the simple majority and list systems, a third possibility is the single transferable vote (STV) system used for local government, convention and assembly elections in Northern Ireland. It involves multimember constituencies, with canadavars as the wishes in other of preference. of preference.
"This system gives maximum thin system gives maximum the circumstance to the elector, who is able to express a preference between the different candidates.

of the party of his choice, as well as between the candidates of other parties." other parties."

The system would retain the concept of the constituency; there might be about a dozen, each returning between three and ten members, depending on the size. of the electorate.

Whatever electrons system was beed, it would be important to charte a democratic procedure for the selection of cardidates, and to involve the constituency party organizations in this procedure to organizations in this procedure to the fullest possible extent.

Commisory dual mandate: Since the establishment of the EEC, assembly members have been nominated by national parliaments, and drawn, solely from their members. At vegnirement that directly elected members of the European Assembly should be members of the House of Commons is known as "the compulsary dual mandate".

It would minimize the risk of divergences between assembly

It would minimize the risk of divergences between assembly members and otter Westminster members of the same party. With out it, assembly members not in Westminster work tend to be out of touch with developments there

of touch with divelopments there
"and might regire themselves as
owing a primary allegiance to
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parties".
On the object hale, the strain
of performing the couble task
could be great, though it could
be reduced by changes in
Commons procedure In addition
it would be necessar to provide
for the signation in which an
assembly nember loss his Westminster seet at a maioral election
not coinciding with assembly elections. not concining will assembly elec-tions: The Governmen's con-scious of the undestrabity of making major consultional change in the day have awide measure of support. There about to be four main possibilities.

majority electoral system; to change to a list system of proportional representation, probably on a regional basis; to change to on a regional basis; to change to STV; or to combine one of those electoral systems with the compolisory dual mandate.

Each of these possibilities has some attractions. But each also presents serious difficulties. Before coming to a conclusion on this, the Government wishes to listen to the views expressed in Parliament and elsewhere.

But it considers that whatever system is used for direct elections

But it considers that whatever system is used for direct elections in the rest of the United Kingdom, those in Northern Ireland should be conducted "by a system of proportional representation". Response to select committee: The select committee recommended that the first elections be conducted on the basis of the normal simple majority system. If that is to be the basis, the Government will wish to see the following arrangements on points raised by the committee.

For the first elections the

the committee.

For the first elections the Covernment proposes to accept the select committee's recommendation on the allocation of seats. That would give Engised 65 seats, Scotland eight, Wales for and Northern Ireland three. For subsequent elections the allocation of seats and determination of boundaries could be referred to a Speaker's conference on electoral law.

should be former by constituencies; and first the number of electors in each of the Europea Assembly constituencies should be approximately equal, with some exceptions for geographic

those constituencies. It accept that some curtailment of the ful

that some curtailment of the ful parliamentary constituency rever procedures will be necessary in the first elections if they are to be held in May-June, 1978, possibly with full procedures in subsequent elections.

Bearing in mind that some it months will be needed to selections, the boundary countries will be needed to selections, the boundary countries on will need to complete it, work by the end of this year. With some reluctance the Government favours a single round on the local representations, but it local inquiries.

It proposes to accept the selections manufactures recommendation in Westminster rules on disquiries.

committees recommendation in Westminster rates on disquili cation should be applied, with modification that peers we derrymen should be allowed, stand for election to the Eupean Assembly. Westminster we here would not be disqualified. It this the wires that a dean bers would not be insqualized.

It takes the view that 2 depo of £500 should be set, to "dei frivolous candidates without a reasonably inhibiting grow candidates". It proposes to each European constituency shot accompany nominations.

The Government considers to cost of administering Europe Assembly elections (estimated be at least 510m) should be referred to the constituency of the considerations might be to be modified if a system of the considerations might be to be modified if a system of the considerations of to be modified if a system of portional representation adopted. The list system single transferable vote

A regional list syl/n might preferable to a hational system; regional feeling is a ronizable factor, and many I issues have regional significant the United Kingdom could diside into divided into a number of emotivated into a number of emoti 10 ; South-west England, six ; English and East Midlands, eigh West Midlands, seven ; North-w England, nine; Yorkshire a Humberside, seven; Northe England, five. The ballot paper in a region

list system might show the nam of individual candidates with the party affiliations, if any, enable the voter to express preference between candidates. Each electivould cast one work for a name candidate, parties being allow seats in proportion to their to share of the poll.

The seat would go to the name candidate with the most infinite. The seat would go to the name candidate with the most individual votes. A formula would have be devised for allocating the of seats after the first allocation.

Under the single transferation only of the voter's first choice but also of his subsequent prefix ences. A number of counts a required. Again the constinued in the constituent also of the economic planning of the economic planning of the South-east region.

A final annex analyses if

A final annex analyses if points for and against a compusory dual mandate, margini emphasizing the disadvantages. Direct Elections to the Europe Assembly (Stationery Office Cmnd 6763, 50p). Leading article, page

Law Report April 1' 1977 No VAT on students' cheap travel card

British Railways Board v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick

The £1.50 paid to the British Railways Board by a student who had asked for a student identity card to enable ice to travel for half the scond-class ordinary fare for the following six months was part-tyment in advance for the "pinsport of pussengers" and so fell to be zero-rated under thoffmance Act, 1972, tooling us into advance for the "pinsport of pussengers" and so fell to be zero-rated under thoffmance Act, 1972, tooling us into advance for the gue was imposed on gooded services, Some goods alervices ware to be zero-rated on 12) to add the found that master a particular supplements, allowed an appeal by the board against the decision of the Division. Court (the Lord Chief Justice Mr Justice Thompson Court (the Lord Chief Justice Mr Before Lord Denning Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick

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The Court of popeal, in reserved indigments, allowed an appeal by the board against the decision of the Division. Court (the Lord Chief Justice Wr Justice Thomoson and Ar Justice Kenneth Jones) in Africh, 1976, that the supply of the student identity card way a supply of servicial character's to appeal to the House dard race.

dard rice.

Leavy to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Serion 12 provices: "(1) Where a taxable person supplies good or services and the surply is zero-rated... (a) no tax shall be charged on the supply... and ... the rate at which tax is treated as charged on the supply shall be nil. (2) A supply of gueds or services is zero-rated... If the goods or services are of a

In 1973 the British Iways In 1973 the British ways Board found that mandents were travelling by Corather than by rall because of tares were almost half those rauway. To meet the canon, the board promoted a se by which a student shouldfi. So down and in return geright to travel half-fare for it six months. Was VAT chie on

Miss Patricia Mary Gas a student at London Uni who had her home in Son She

pau to the railways board and in the part of the part the ordinary second class price.

The VAT tribunal held that VA was payable on the \$1.50. The Divisional Court upheld the decision, holding that it was guestion of fact for the tribunal But the legal effect of the transaction considered in relation to the words of the statute was question of law.

What did British Railways supply in consideration of the £1.50 as if it were a separate payment for a service separate form the travel by rail; just as a season ticket was payment in advance for travelling on the railway. It was similar to the two-part tariffs so common nowadays for electricity, telephones, and so forth. There was a down payment in advance followed by subsequent payments in respect of the actual amount used.

The £1.50 accordingly fell to ne zero-rated. The appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Browne and Sir

had her home in Sor She went to a student organ and asked for a student usket. She was charged £1.63ding VAT; £1.00 plus 10p was Solicitor for Customs and Excise.

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reach deadlock on first day

Vienna, April 1.-New nego findons on Cyprus appeared deadlocked on their second day today after Greek and Turkish Cypriot delegates tabled widely divergent proposals for a return to joint government to end 13 years of communal rension. The Greek Cypriots rejected Turkish plan tabled roday for loose federation. The Turks described Greek proposals made

yesterday for two separate ad-ministrative regions as unfair. Dr Waldheim said tonight that "a real exchange of views on territorial aspects had taken place. There are still great dif-ferences. This was to be expected. It is important that they are talking."

Conference sources said there were no serious hopes of a breakthrough at the talks in Vienna, bur negotiations were almost certain to continue in Nicosia early in May.—Reuter. Nicosia early in May.—Retuel.
Our Nicosia Correspondent
writes: Mr Rauf Denkras, the
Turkish Cypriot leader, angrily
described the Greek Cypriot
proposals as "unrealistic and
illogical". He described a map, submitted by the Greek Cypriots, said to allot about 20 per cent of the island to the Turkish Cypriots in a bizonal federation, as a provoca-

Denktas bas indicated that the Turks, about 18 per cent of the population, would settle for 32 per cent of the

Greek --- Cypriot Official sources said the Turkish proposais at Vienna were un-acceptable because they were rantamount to requiring bilateral agreement between separate states rather than a federal constitution.

Brazil Congress dismissed after Bill is lost

Rio de Janeiro, April- 1-President Ernesto Geisel o Brazil today closed down Con-gress indefinitely in what observers regarded as the most secious political crisis in the country for almost 10 years. The decision was announced after a meeting of the National Security Council, called to adopt restrictive political measures after the Ooposition had re-jected a judicial reform Bill The Bill, which as a constirational amendment, had required a two-thirds congressional majority, will be enacted by presidential decree President Geisel is also ex-

pected to introduce several other measures, including inpions for governors next year, as the exiled King of the to forestall possible opposition Albanians, denied the charges

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One man in Belgrade who does not believe he is the Tito heir

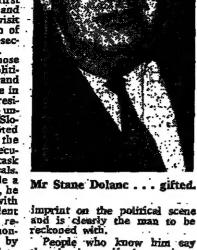
From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade, April 1

Mr Stane Dolanc, the 51-year-old secretary of the executive bureau of the praesidium of the Yugoslav League of Commu-nists, who arrives in Britain on: Sunday as guest of the Labour Party, is hoping to establish a closer relationship between the two parties.

He said ties between the League of Communists and the Labour Party lapsed after first flourishing in the 1950s and were not revived until the visit were not revived until the visit to Yugoslavia two years ago of Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary of the British party.

Mr Dolanc is one of those exceptional Communist politicians who talks frankly and plainly perhaps the only one in Plainly, perhaps the only one in Yugoslavia apart from Presi-dent Tito. He was relatively un-known outside his native Slovenia when he was promoted more than five years ago to the post of secretary of the execu-tive bureau and given the task of purging the party of liberals. While Mr Dolanc has made a name for himself in this job, he insisted in an interview with me that he is not President me that he is not President. The's designated heir. He regards such speculation as "non-sensical" and is irritated by what he regards as a complete misunderstanding of Yugoslavia's political system. "Yugo-slavia's not a monarchy in need of an heir", he said.

However, in Mr Dolanc.



imprint on the political scene and is clearly the man to be reckoned with, People who know him say that he is a gifted negotiator and a skilful contributor. He loves basketball and says he used to be a player himself ar a time when it was upt necessaria.

sary to be nearly seven feet tail. He listens to Ravel and

The Thai Foreign Ministry

has advised the police that Mr Leka is not entitled to diplo-

matic immunity.

Mr Leka has lived in England.

France, Egypt and Spain since

the end of the Second World

be a descendant of King Men-grai, who once ruled Chiang Mai, now Thailand's second

largest city in the northern part of the country.

Sources in New York said that Mr Leka had told a press

conference there in recent

months that he was training guerrilla forces to harass the

Albanian communist Govern-ment. A number of guerrillas had aiready entered Albania, he

said.—Agence France-Presse, AP and Reuter.

The Shan suspect claimed to

how many would be freed. On human rights, Mr Doland said recently that in Yngoslavia people were too hastily accused of being hostile and treated as enemies if they held a critical view of the Government. But this, he said today, did not mean people were being imprisoned for expressing political views. Yugoslavia, he said, has done

> in furthering human rights never enough freedom. He pointed to the fact that last year 17 million frontier cross-ings were made by Yugoslava. He said this showed that the country was an open one with an open society. When he assumed office more

colonel and a law degree.

Since then he has studied in Paris, Rome, Moscow and Uppsala, Sweden,

His cime in the Army

spent mostly on political as dis-tinct from military work and observers say this has won him the support of the military,

which may turn the balance in

his favour in any future leadership battle. Again Mr Dolanc spurned such sugges-

He said Yugoslavia would

shortly aunomoce an amnesty for prisoners but he refused to say

when he assumed office more than five years ago, Mr Dolanc was seen as a firm disciplinarian, but he has proved the contrary and represents that group of society, predominant in Yugoslavie now, which favours moderate policies.

Albanian pretender held by Thais on arms charge

Bangkok, April 1.—Two men and claimed diplomatic im-claiming to be members of the munity. He said that the pistols ousted Albanian and Shan (Burmese) dynasties were Thailand. arrested by Thai police yesterday is connexion with the seizure of a buge arms cache in Bargkok 24 hours earlier. Mr. Mbret Shquiparvet Leks, the son of the former Albanian King Zog and Mr Khemavong Mengrai, who claims to be Shan prince, were charged with

However, in Mr Dolanc, President Two has found a strong and gifted executive who has made a personal

possessing war weapons.
The police found seven new automatic pistols and 2,000 rounds of ammunition in Mr Leka's living quarters yester-day. The raid came after the discovery of a small arsenal of grenades, TNT, rocket launchers and machine guns in an unoccupied botel room in Bangkok just before midnight on Wednesday.
Mr Leka, who styles himself

Kitchen blaze destroys city centre

Manila, April 1.—A fire that began in a restaurant kitchen razed 21 blocks of commercial buildings in Ozamis City, southern Philippines, yesterday. Fifty people were injured and 10,000 left homeless. The city's fire department was among the buildings burnt down.

The fire, which broke out at dawn, levelled nearly all Ozamis's business district and riped out adjacent slum areas. At least four banks, the city market cinemas and Government offices were destroyed. Brigades from two nearby the nine-hour battle in Ozamis, which lies on the northern coast of Mindanso Island, 500 miles south of Manila,

The Red Cross estimated property damage at about 50 million pesos (£4m).—Agence France-Presse.

PARLIAMENT, April 1, 1977_____

Government conscious of concern over passage of EEC legislation

worth, Land, caring attention to the need to review the European Communities Act, 1972, said that the Act could be repealed and amended. The idea that Britain had passed out of her hands irreversibly a part of her sovereignty, for ever, was not true. true. He moved: That this House calls

He moved: That this House calls upon the Government to institute a review of the operation of the European Communities Act, 1972.

He said that while the Act was on the statute book Parliament's activities in processing REC legislative documents was a nullity. The Act purported to yield up for ever Britain's sovereignty in certain matters. There were certain Acts which could not be repealed, but this Act could be. The Act of Union of 1706 had a special provision which talked about it being indissoluble for all time.

The Treaty of Rome could not The Treaty of Rome could not bind Parliament and neither could it prevent Parliament from repealing it. It was important that the Government did not hide behind the doctrine of legislative interestibility with regard to the 1972 Art.

Bis purpose was to give the select committee on BEC secondary legislation, the power, at least domestically speaking, for the Commons to approve or disapprove all the matters that were put to it.

put to it.

The day will come (he said) when the activities of a minister will be said to be illegal by the Community court and I hope the minister. If it is not an unparliamentary expression, will tell them to get stuffed.

The day would come when the High Court instaff would have to decide whether he took orders from the Community court or the British High Court.

Sir John Eden (Bournemouth. British High Court.
Sir John Eden (Bournemouth, West, C) said they were still engaged in working out what was the best way of dealing with a new situation.

The Idea is (he said) that ministers should first receive and then take into account the

then take into account the opinions of this House on EEC documents. We must therefore devise a procedure which will, without taking up excessive time in the Chamber, make it possible for all MPs to give their opinion on the particular legislative pro-posals coming from the Com-monity and to give that opinion in time which will emple the ministers to take that into account

Mr Dougles Jay (Wandsworth, Bastersea, North, Lab) said legis-

lation in a parliamentary democracy must be enacted by the elected representatives of those to whom the legislation was applicable and against whom it was to It should be debated, amended It should be debated, amerated and approved or disapproved in full public discussion. Both in draft and final form the legislation should be in precise and full language which was available to anybody who wished to study it. All these principles of legislation had been observed in this country. country.
EEC legislation was enacted

either by the Council of Ministers or much more often by the Com-mission. These were not elected bodies. All discussion was in secret and there—was no public

Changes were constantly made in the drafts right up to the last With legislation of this kind With legislation of this kind nobody outside a narrow circle of Brussels officials could normally hope to know what was actually being enacted.

This was not defensible. It was really a system of authoritarian decrees rather than democratic legislation. As such it could not expect the same moral respect from the British public which was given to the ordinary legislation enacted by Parliament.

The only way to restore full

The only way to restore full respect for the law and proper control over the legislation which was undermined by the European Communities Act was to substantially amend that Act.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) said if they wanted democracy in the EEC, this House and the Parliaments of other Community countries must require ministers to come back from Brussels and seek approval for what had been tentarively agreed.

approval for what had been tentatively agreed.

A select committee should be set up to review the whole of their membership of the EEC. It would be properly halanced and would consider such matters as why the trade deficit with the EEC of £183m in 1971 had increased to £2,500m now. They would also examine why the promised prospects of growth had not taken place.

The Treaty of Rome should be torn up and a new treaty drawn up which took note of the realities of the world. There should be a select committee to look at the whole matter and then the Commons could decide whether to continue to support or amend the

Mr Frederick Silvester (Manchester, Withington, C) said that there was no way in which a Community set up under a treaty in 1957 could be governed in a way thought suitable then. Coming generations were not going to be bound by what was in the minds of people in 1957. The historical momentum of Europe would make the treaty what people wanted it

Mr. Grabam Page, for the Oppo-sition (Crosby, C), said they were talking of a consultative procedure rather than a legislative procedure and not one speaker had shown any satisfaction with the way that they processed proposals for Euro-pean legislation and the legisla-tion itself in the House. pean registation and the regista-tion itself in the House.

It might be that in considering the processing of European legis-lation they might come across provisions of the 1972 Act that could be amended, but he did not advocate the repeal of the Act. anocate the repeal of the Act.

They must accept that there was legislation which was passed in Europe but was not enacted by the elected MPs. They had tried in their procedure to supply parliamentary debate on European legislation, although perhaps not fully arough. But their own delegated legislation was not fully discussed in the House. It would the an ideal to which they ought

discussed in the House. It would he an ideal to which they ought not to propose to surve to see that they debated fully all the matters that went through the Council in Europe.

But instead they ought to try to control the actions of ministers in their negotiations for legislation. That was what they had been

should my to perfect their pre-European legislation process. There should be effective scruting both of the negotiating proce-dure and of the legislative that Mr William Price, Parliamentary

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Secretary, Privy Council Office (Rugby, Lab), moved an amend-ment setting our the procedure to be followed by a committee considering an EEC statutory instrument or draft statutory

Instrument.

He said the motion called on the Government to institute a review of the operation of the European Communifies Act, 1972, but this was not necessary. Its real purpose would be to reopen discussion of sovereignty, an issue which had been thoroughly debated in the House during the period immediately before Britain joined the EEC and again during remegoriation. This was a question they hoped had been seriled.

The White Paper on renegotia-The White Paper on renegotiation did not attempt to gloss over constitutional consequences

of membership.

They all agreed that the system they were operating left a lot to be desired. Many of the difficulties arose from the nature of the problem as well as from the procedures they had adopted in the past. EEC legislation, once published, followed a different course from that of Rills in the British Parliament and as a result British Parliament and as a result bringing Community legislation into the procedures at Westminster inevitably created friction. The Government were conscious of the criticisms of MPs.

The Government amendmen committee in relation to KEC documents referred to it. In considering possible improvements they had to bear in mind the need to hold the right balance between the Government's responsibilities for negotiation and their accountability to the House. The Committee should express the committee should express the view after considering a matter and then make sure the Government were aware of its views. A decision would be mken on the floor of the House on a Government motion which was amendable anyway.

The Government amendment was carried by 28 votes to nil. but as fewer than 40 members voted, the debate was adjourned. The Shops (Amendment) Bill Bouse adjourned, 4.27 pm.

Sport sponsorship Mr Denis Howell, Minister for Sport and Recreation, said in a written reply: I am discussing a voluntary agreement and code of

practice on sports sponsorship with representatives of the tobacco industry and I hope to meet them again shortly.

Fewer cars Mr Kenneth Marks, Under Secretary, Environment, said in a written reply: It is planned to re-duce the number of Government cars from the 1976 average of 353 to 283 by April 1, 1978.

Ministers to prepare for summit at No 10

Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, made a statement about the business to be taken in the EEC Council of Ministers during April.

He said: At present five meetings of the Council of Ministers are proposed for April. Foreign and finance ministers will meet jointly on April 5; foreign ministers on April 5; foreign ministers on April 5; foreign ministers on April 18 and agriculture ministers on April 25 and 26.

Ministers at the joint foreign affairs and finance council will discuss a Communistion assessment of Community budger problems and priorities.

At the foreign affairs council, ministers will consider the following to the European Council of March 25 and 26 and the Community's position in relation to the Conference on International Economic Cooperation will resume at the end of April.

Other likely items for the agenda are fisheries matters, renewal of the Gatt multi-fibre arrangement, participation by the Community's relations with Portugal. Spain, Cyprus, Malta and Yngoslavia.

Preparation for the second meeting of the ACP/EEC Council of Ministers in Fifi on April 13 and 14 will also be on the agenda.

Ministers at the Snance council will discuss preparations for the Downing Street summit conference in March and for the meeting.

will discuss preparations for the Downing Street summit confer-ence in May and for the meeting of the interim committee of the International Monerary Fund. Agriculture ministers will resume consideration of common agriculture policy prices for 1977-78 and related measures. Mr Douglas Hurd, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Com-monwealth affairs (Mid Oxon, C) Today we are exactly half way through the United Kingdom's presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Ministers.

Some of us are increasingly worried about the way the meetings are being handled by some of Mr Judd's colleagues. It is beginning to look as if the tactics employed for example by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr John Silkin) and the Minister of State for Energy (Dr Dickson Malon) do not in any way safeguard the interests of Britain. They increasingly undermine our influence and our bargaining arrength in

to set in hand a half term review of the tactics and priorities so that we try to do s bit better for Europe and for Britain in the second half than we have in the

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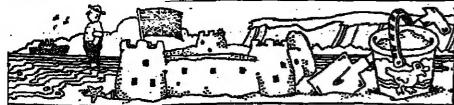
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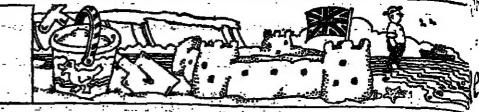
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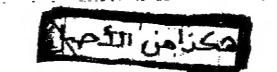
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Racing Correspondent Of the 102 steeplechasers who Of the 102 steeplechasers who were entered for fits year's Grand National, 42 hopefuls have finally stood their ground for the race, which will be run over 30 fences and almost four and a half miles at Liverpool (3.15) this afternoon. When the weights were published on January 26 I drew up a short list of five which seemed to be to take most things into account. Of that original fist Fort Devon and King Flame have dropped out, but I am still left with Red Rum. Zeta's Son, and Gay Vulgan and I hope the winner is among them.

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I included Red Rum simply because he is a law unto himself at Aburee. By now no one ought to need reminding that he has won this race twice and been placed second twice, which is in Itself a unique record. But his trainer, Donald McCain, has said all along that Red Rum will-ouly win the National again if the ground is right and for Red Rum the right ground is fast. In the past few days the weather has turned orgainst him and those who had the temerity in chance their arm against the English winter and back him aute-post. Softened by the rain which has fallen in some quantity since Wednesday might,

the old turf at Aintree is no longer springy and firm.

In the Circumstances, I think that both Zera's Son and Gay Yulgan now have a better chance of winning and of those two I prefer Gay Yulgan, who is one of only six in the field who has never fallen. Gay Yulgan showed that he had the stamina for the job when he won the Bass Streplechase over four miles at Cheltenham on New Year's Day. By that enormously successful sire of jumpers, Vulgan, who has already bred three winners of the National, Gay Yulgan, who has already bred three winners of the National, Gay Yulgan, who has already bred three winners of the National, Gay Yulgan, who has already bred three winners as a strength one of the most improved steeplechasers in training. He has won all his five races this season since he joined Fulke. Walwyn's stable last summer and he has already beaten some of his rivals this afternoon, notably Priuce Rock, Carroll Street, Sebastian V, Royal Thrust, Spitcing Image, and Fort Yulgan.

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experience and rich with brilliant achievements.

When Gay Vulgan won the National Hunt Handicap Steeple-chase at Cheltenham 17 days ago some thought that he might have had too hard a race too close to the big day. But in the hear of the moment perhaps they overlooked the fact that it was his first race for 10 weeks and that he probably needed a good blow before Liverpool. Others thought that Gay Vulgan made heavy weather of beating Prince Rock, but again it is possible that they did not pay enough attention to the fact that he was humpered budly when Cuckolder and Brown Admiral fell at the top of the hill five fences from home. After that incident Gay Vulgan, in my optimion, did extremely well to win at all and granted a normal amount of luck be should give his backers a wonderful run this afternoon.

All the same I expect Zera's Son to be a factor, movards the end. No less a judge than Fred Winter has gone on record as saying that he would dearly love to ride Pengrail in the race. It is possible to argue that his nine-year-old, who will in fact be ridden by champion jockey John Francome, has much the same sort of chance as Zeta's Son on the book. Pengrail finished a length behind Zeta's Son at Sandown Park in January and the handicapper has allowed him 2 lb for that defeat. Pengrail is certainly a safe jumper who will get round given normal luck, but too often in the past he has flattered only to deceive and I doubt whether he has the heart to cope with a battle up the long run in.

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Recognizing that Gay Vulgan could be just the sort to win the National—a horse cast in the National—a horse cast in the same staying mould of some of the recent winners of the great Aintree epic such as Rag Trade, Well and Team Spirit—Walwyn set about training him especially with today in mind just as soon as he had won at Cheltenham on January 1. And no one training today is better versed in the art of preparing

Successful with Rag Trade 12 months ago and with ESB, Ricolaus Silver, and Gay Trip in previous years, Fred Rimell has mustered four runners in an attempt to win the race for a fifth time. Andy Pandy is the pick of his quartet in my opinion and I would not deter anyone from backing him, even though he has a lot of ground to make up on Zeta's Son judged on their races at Newbory and Sandown in November and January. Andy Pandy is a fresh horse and a bold jumper who ought to be in bla element at Afutree. The Pfigarlic, another of Rimell's runners, is a half-brother to L'Escargot, who won the National two years ago. I cannot visualize The Pfigarlic emulating L'Escargot though; nor can I envisage his other brother, What A Back, duing likewise.

What now of some of the other runners? Sage Merilin appeals to me as an outsider, having won over two and a half miles at Haydock and over four miles at Cheltenham. Prince Rock and Winter Rain are two who have never fallen but two more different horses it is hard to imagine. Prince Rock is a dour stayer who has been beaten by Gay Vulgan twice already this season whereas Winter Rain is a very free exciting jumper, whose best distance is probably two and a half miles. But it is not unheard of for a horse of that sort to win the National. One only has to think of Gay Tip, whose best distance was two and a half miles, to find the perfect example. But watching Winter Rain run at Newhury only last Saturday I formed the impression that the distance of the Grand National would be beyond him and now that the ground has changed I am even more certain.

Churchtown Boy, who won the

Tonham Trophy on Thursday, failed to finish in the first six 12 months ago and he failed simply because his stamina gave out four fences from home. Having sidden Churchester. Boy so ridden Churchtown Boy so stylishly on Thursday, Cluris Read now finds himself on Eyecatcher, who fluished third in the race last wno numbed thru in the race last year beaten only by Rag Trade and Red Rum. A mare has not won the National since Mickel Coin did so in 1951, but Eyecatcher should give her backers a good run again.

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Talking of the female sex, Charlotte Brew will become the first woman to take part in the race when she partners her mother's 12-year-old, Barony Fort, They qualified for today's race when they finished fourth in the Foxhunter Steeplechase at Liverpool last year, but only last Saturday Miss Brew and Barony Port finished a remote third, in the ladies' race at the North Norfolk, Harriers point-to-point and that seems to put their Chance of victory this afternoon into perspective; I am hoping for Miss Brew's sake that she and her horse survive this ordeal.

silences detractors

By Michael Seely

Decent Fellow fittally silenced his detractors with a decisive virtory in the Weetabix Hurdle raca at Liverpool yesterday. After clouting the second last burdle bard, Decent Fellow was suddenly in the bridle for the first time in the race. Sweeping past Rathimus he sprinted clear to win by four lengths with Levaramoss another four lengths away third. Richard Linley, who had blamed bimself for striking the from too soon at Cheltenham, here rode a copybook race, Rathconrath, favourite at 5-2 was in trouble half a mile from home and could only finish fifth.

What a triumph this victory By Michael Seely

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What a triumph this victory represented for Toby Balding who has always been convinced that Decent Fellow is the best fooryear-old in the country. Equally delighted was the colt's owner, Brigadier General Preston Kilbride. From Toronto. "I want to win the Colonial Cup in 1979 with this fellow", the general said. Future plans for Decent Fellow are fluid. Obviously the Welsh or Scottish champion burdle are possible targets. Balding would also like to race Decent Fellow on the flat. There is 2'so the chance that he may be gelded.

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Hurdle prevented the Irish from
completing a remarkable treble.
Poor Bob Turnell will certainly
now be a firm believer in their
proverbial luck. Beacon Light fell

at the last flight in the George Burdle when over 10 lengths clear of his nearest rival. In a scrambing finish between three startled jockeys, who could hardly believe their good fortune, last year's Weetabix Burdle winner Cooch Behar beat his fast finishing compariot Rathnure by three-quarters of a length with French Hollow only a length away third. As in his success last year Cooch Behar, who is trained by Christy Kinane was ridden by Liam O'Donnell. Further disaster strick the Mariborough trainer and his jockey Steve Knight when the 9-4 farcurity Tree Teorde was stowned dead in his tracks when Navigation fell at the fifth fence from home in the Alpen Trophy Steeplechase. What with the injury to his son Andrew. Summerville breaking down in the Gold Cup and Birds Nest proving such a bitter disappointment in the Champion Hurdle this will be a season Turnell will want to forget. But there is no doubt that Tree

Turnell will want to forget. But there is, no doubt that Tree Tangle would have had a fight on bis hands to heat the winner Stoerian Sun, who had hated the ground when second to Tip the Wink at the National Hunt Pestival. "He's a sharp horse over two miles on this ground," his trainer Francis Flood said. Flood, together with vesterday's winning jockey Frank Berry captured the 1972. Gold Cup with Glencaraig.

All news is favourable for Blushing Groom

From Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent

Paris, April 1

After a fair amount of rain recently, the going for the opening day of Longchamp on Sunday will certainly be on the soft side, which will in no way hinder the main attraction at the meeting, the Aga Khan's Blushing Groom, who runs in the one mile Prix de Fontainebleau. The card also includes the Group II Prix Greffulhe, a 10 and a half furlong race for French born and bred classic prospects from which there is a surprise withdrawal in the form of the Baron Guy de Rotbschild's General, who is reported to need a little more time. Some of Europe's top staying horses contest the Prix de Barbeville. Included in the field will be Sagaro, Citoyen, Sir Montagu, and the recent winner Buckskin. Paris, April 1 Choyen, Sir Montagu, and me-recent winner Buckskin.
One cannot oppose Blushing Groom in the Prix de Fontaine-bleau, All news from Chantilly is favourable concerning the colt and I expect bim to be followed home by Fharly, Hermodore and Air

Peruvian. Blashing Groom won all the top two-year-old events in France last year, a feat last accomplished by My Swallow in 1970, Pharly, who will probably come to Newmarket for the 2,000 Guineas it he runs well on Sunday, finished last season by heating the Barry Hills-trained Lady Mere and Manado in the Prix de La Foot Both Hermodore and Cloud last year and are considered useful by their trainers, while Water Boy, also a good two-year-old, should run well after his win lest month in the Prix Omnium Last Saint-Cloud:

With the absence of General, the Prix Gretfulhe becomes more open. The winner may be Monsieur Marcel Boussac's Amypior, who finished second to Blushing Groom in the Grand Criterium, after baying won his only other Groom in the Grand Criserium, after having won his only other rece, Another useful performer is the François Bonsin trained Rex Magna, the winner last October ar Longchamp of the Prix de La Chaussee when he heart another of his adversaries tomorrow, Olantengy, by two lengths.

to win in handsome

By Michael Phillips
Viocent O'Brien has done much to enliven the racing at Ascot today by bringing The Minstrel and Cloonlara over from Ireland to run in the two classic trials. Just as soon as it became known that the crack Prench colt Blushing Groom was being trained for the French 2,000 Guineas and not ours. The Minstrel was quickly made anie-post favouring for our first classic of the season at Newmarket. But his stable companion Cloonlara has held the same position for the 1,000 Guineas for as long as I can remember following a brilliant two-year-old career.

O'Brien does not undertake this sort of venture without first giving it a great deal of thought and I will be both surprised and disappointed if either of his runners this afternoon failed to make a successful start to the new season. Both will be ridden by Lester Piggott who will be ridding in England for the first time since last year. Of the two The Minstrel seems to face the harder task in the colts' trial (2.50). His opposiseems to face the harder task in the colts trial (2.50). His opposi-tion includes Avgerinos who won the Solario Stakes at Sandown last the Solario Stakes at Sandown last September; the Coventry Stakes winner Cawston's Clown; Crown Bowler who has already won at Doncaster this season but who has got eight lengths to make up on The Minartel, remainering the Dewhurst Stakes; the Borris Hill Stakes winner Fair Season and Gairloch who ended his two-year-old carrier by winning the Royal old career by winning the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. Gairloch was subsequently given the same weight as The Minstrel in the Free

Handicap.
Time alone will tell whether that was a reasonable assessment. I am inclined to doubt it. The Minstrel impressed me more I season especially when he won the Dewhurst Stakes and he also impressed me the most when I are them two weeks ago. By beating Millionaire, who finished fount to ally at Doncister, Crown Bowler hinted that the form of the Dew-hurst Stakes was probably better and I hope to see The Minstrel confirm that by coming through his first test of the season with

flying colours.

The Minstrel has not grown appreciably during the winter but he did look extremely well at exercise at Ballydoyle and I am convinced that he is sufficiently

STATE OF GOING (official): Liverpool: good to work, Ascot, flat; round
course; good to soft; straight course;
soft; National Rund course; good to
soft. Towcaster; soft. Monday; Wolverhampion; soft last two furiones, in
straight heavy. Ayr; soft.

Liverpool programme

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[Television (BBC 1): 2.0, 2.35 and 3.15 races]

20 SUN RATINGS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: \$7,167: 2m) 108 4-00030 Vaguety Attractive (C-D) (S. Murphy), Murphy 5-10-7
109 119320 Graigue House (D) (Admin of late P. Blackbura), Mass Morris,
E. Wright
110 141011 Etp Fastener (D) (R. McAlpine), F. Rimell, 6-10-7
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PLEGATE HURDLE (57,380: 2m 51f)

3.15 NEWS OF THE WORLD GRAND NATIONAL (Steeplechase:

402 313111 Double Megative (D) (Mrs. M. Power), F. Rissell, 7.12-1
405 24-0207 Donastii (F. Tyldosley), A. Dichinson, 10-11-11, 11, Floyd
405 132227 Settimber (P. Daul), Mrs. Piman, 7-11-12, ..., B. Smart
407 1908 Franch Canadian (S. Embircon), R. Turnell, 9-11-11 E. Walto
409 13-2009 Med. Mrs. Parket (D) (N. Sibley), Mrs. Oughton, 7-11-7 C. Settimber (D) (N. S 415 penco4 Staple Oak (J. Kettlewell), M. Naughton, 9-11-7 Mr S. Kettlewell 4.30 SUN SUPERFORM HURDLF (Handican: £1,900: 2m) 502 1 Prince Poons (D) (L. Sward), B. Thompson, 5-11-7 502 1 Prioce Popus (D) (L. Sward), B. Thompson, 6-11-7 503 01212 Bisseps Pawe (D) (J. Nelson), Nakon, 6-11-5 M J. Nelson 7 504 431002 Heldelberg (D) (N. Whitcomb), Mrs Occhron, S-11-0 Nr D, Occhron, S-11-0 1-11221 Night Nurse (R. Spencer), M. H. Easterby, 6-11-11
21-1002 Peterhof (H. Gould), M. W. Easterby, 5-11-5 P. Brodsvick
1-02003 Fighting Kate (C) (T. Wellan), H. Nicholson, J. O'Nell
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25-0203 Fighting Kate (C) (T. Welland), F. Welland, P. Welland, 5.0 PEGASUS HURDLE (4v-0 novices: £2,136: 2m)
501 10 Autoway (0) (Mrs R. Graham), W. Stephen Bilston (Mrs S. McGrath). G. Relding, 11-0 ... R. Burelov (G. Reichite). D. Saye, 11-0 ... G. Colomai 721 (D) (Mrs J. Thomson), R. Bischitev. J. M. Sie

4.15 GREENS NORTON HURDLE (Div II: Part I: Novices

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SPITTIN IBLAGE [J. Welch jun]. M. Scudamors, 11-10-0

(White, gold and green hoops, white sleeves and cap)

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4-20341 WILLY WHAT (M. Williama), S. Mellor, 5-10-0

(Black, gold singes, black cap with gold diamond)

JECT VILSAN (A. Jacobs), K. Oliver, 9-10-0

(White, black disc, black and yellow striped sleeves, hoops

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BARONY FORT (Mrs R, Brew), Miss C. Brew, 12-10-0 Miss C.

(Light blue, carize yelks and cap, white sleeves)

HUPERADE (J. Carden), Carden, 13-10-0

(Dark blue, grew 'V', red cap)

10p-04f THE SONGWRITER (P. Callander), Mrs Pitman, 8-10-0

(Black, gold disc, hooped sleeves, quartered cap)

ING: 8-1 Davy test 10-4

BETTING: 8-1 Davy Lad, 10-1 Andy Pandy, Gay Vulgan, Red Rum, 12-1 Pengrail, Zala's Son, 14-1 War Bonnet, Winter Rain, 16-1 Eyecatcher, Prince Rock, Sir Garnet, Wint A Buck, 22-1 Sage Merlin, 25-1 Sebastian V, 28-1 Brown Admiral.

401 111-00f Clear Cut (C) (J. Humingway), M. Camacho, 25-12-1

Towcester NH programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.5 races] 1.30 GREENS NORTON HURDLE (Div I: Part 1: Novices:

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Alaha Prince, R. Westbrook, 5-11-13 S. S. Hangsong (C-D), R. Sonnie, 5-11-13 T. Hangsong (C-D), R. Sonnie, 5-11-13 T. Saackie Sun (D), F. Winter, 6-11-13 S. S. S. Sackie Sun (D), F. Winter, 6-11-13 S. S. S. Accele Princes, 5-11-3 S. S. S. Saker, D. Barons, 5-11-3 S. S. S. Saker, D. Barons, 5-11-3 S. S. Saker, D. Barons, 5-11-3 S. S. Saker, S. Sonnie, S. 2.0 LOUISE STOCKDALE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 5805: 2m 50vd)
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Mr J. Butchard 7
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Royal Reitef, E. Coursee, 15-12-7
Moray & Denys, J. Clifford, 8-11-5
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D. Carpwright, 1-4000
Sobre Sol, J. Bloom, 12-10-0
Moray S. Denys, 8-2 Cliffor Fakt, 3-1 Royal Relief, 8-1 Sobo Sol, 20-1
ya. 2.30 DALGETY-BUSWELL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £912:

Prince, Watafella, 16-1 Mac Vidi, 20-1 offices.

3.5 SVOF CH 4M HURDLE (Handican: 1769: 2m)

1. 231002 Princely Mark (D), D. Barons, 5-11-8

2110-250 Pinchew (D), B. Revit, 6-1; GHTord, 7-10-13 M. Stanley

7. 1-04140 Warrenbayne Prince (G-D), J. GHTord, 7-10-13 M. Stanley

10. 444000 O'Conna, E. Cambidose

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12. 2-1000 Jave River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-10-1 Mr J. Evant

13. 30-2000 Jave River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-10-1 Mr J. Ruichard

14. 2-10-1 Stennourd (D), M. Matson, 7-10-1 Mr J. Ruichard

27. 04-2000 Jave River (C-D), S. Mellor, 7-10-1 Mr J. Ruichard

29. 04-200 Jave River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-10-1 Mr J. Ruichard

20. 00000 Jave River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-10-0 Mr P. Webber 7

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1 231002 Princely Mark (D), D. Barons, S-11-8 P. Harnes
1 11p-270 Pinchow (D) B. Keet, G-1-4 M. Stanley
2 11p-270 Pinchow (D) B. Gifford, 7-10-12 M. Stanley
3 1-2-10 Pinchow (D) B. Gifford, 7-10-12 M. Stanley
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1 25000 Pater River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-10-5 M. J. Evran
1 25000 Pater River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-10-1 Mr. J. Sutchard
1 200000 Pater River (C-D), S. Mellor, 8-10-1 Mr. J. Sutchard
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1120 Europheasure, R. Tate, 9-12-9

1120 Knucktartan (C), G. Hursby, 9-12-9

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1120 Southern Lad, A. Wates, 10-12-9

1120 Mr. R. Broom for Cassocians, R. Wool, 8-12-5

1120 Shackle Sun. 2.0 Morey St Denys, 2.30 Flying Orchid. 3.5

1220 Suntangly, J. Brookes, 9-12-5

1220 Evagoras, Mr. J. Brookes, 9-12-0

1220 Evagoras, Mr. J. Brookes, 9-12-0

1220 Mr. A. Taylor 7

1220 Spanish Explorer, 4.45 Pavement Artist, 5.15 Jacko.

Best at Longchamp tomorrow

PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU (Group III: 3-y-o colts: £11,737:

PRIX GREFFULHE (Group II: 3-y-o colts and fillies: £23,475:

Ascot programme

1.45 HUMBER STAKES (Maidens: 3-y-o c'and g: £2,855; 1m) Ragueses (G. Ward), R. Houchton, 9-0 ... J. Merrore
See Vanture ID, Deyrong A. Insham, 9-0 ... Wisson
Tamerator H. Demrition N. Price, 9-0 ... E. Invitor
Tamera (Eribourne Lid), B. Swrife, 9-0 ... G. Levis
Domret (A. Bodel C. B. Swrife, 9-1 ... G. Sarker
High Polish (AUS E. Regard, R. Smyth, 3-11 ... T. Cain

1-112h1 Midnight Court (Mrs O. Jackson), F. Winter, 6-12-12 pol11 Pincharlo (M. Routledge), H. Collingridge, 6-11-10 Sunderland pol0044 Porsian Mejesty (Mrs J. Gibson), S. Matthews, 10-11-Cabide T

2.50 ASCOT 2,000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o colts: £5,299:

7 311221- Feir Season (D) (Col J. Berry), J. Balding, 9-0 G. B. Fox 9 111- Gairfech (C.B) (P. De Nous-set: H. Price, 9-0 ... B. Taylor 310- Gallant Weich (G. Ward), R. Housener, H. Price, 9-0 ... B. Taylor 10 00-0001 Joyser (Maj J. Urunhart, C. Sewicke 9-0 ... E. Hidt 11 111- The Minetrel (D) (R. Sangster), M. O'Brien, 9-0 ... L. Piggath

3.50 ROUGE DRAGON HANDICAP (52,334: 11m) 1 320030 Major Green (D) (C. Blackwell) J. Winter, 6-10-0 S. Tavlor 3 312 Flame Tree (B. Hobbs), Hobbs, 6-9-7 G. Baxter 7

Liverpool results 2.0 (2.1) MAGHULL HURDLE (Novices: £1.956: 2m 5'-f) CHASE (Handleap: 22.211: 3m II)
Our. Edition. b g. hy Orchardist—
Frst. Edition. (W. Wilthread:
10-11-13.... S. Johar 17-2 fav.)
Broncho H. M. Dickinson (e-1) 2
King Flame. B. R. Davies (8-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 9-2 general Moscile
(4th). 7-1 Kintal. No Gyrsy. 9-1
Chandlagar, 13-1 Romany Bay. 2-1
Alcondight Escapede (p). Packy (p).
12 ran.
TOTE: Win. Edit. 2.30 (2.42) GEORGE MURDLE (25.100: 2m) Cooch Bahar, br h, by Tel Dewan — Velley Farm (D. C'Strin, G.11-2, ... L. O'Donnell (8-1) 1 Rathaure ... F. Berry (4-1) 2 French Hollow, M. Dickhason (6-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 11-8 fay Boacon Light (f), 5-1 Mac's Charlot (44h), 20-1 Tonic, 25-1 Aide Wilh Ms (r), 7 ren. TOTE: Win, 769: places. 27p, 22p; dual forecast. 53-33, C. Khane, rightne, 2-1, 11. Irish Rambler (id not run, 4.45 /4.49) RED RUM STREPLECHASE (Novices' Handkap; £2.180; 2m) S.8 (3.10) ALPEN TROPHY STEEPLE-CHASE (S.1.576: Cm)
Sharkar Sua, b g, by Even Money—Arctle Aloon (Mrs M. Kerring),
—Arctle Aloon (Mrs M. Kerring),
24-11-9 ... F. Berry (11-2) 7
Zerib ... J. Burbe (11-2) 2
Young Arbur .. F. Haynes (8-1) 3
ALSO RANT, 9-4 (av Tree Tangle,
5-3 Millame, 5-1 Navigation (1, 6-1)
Filington (p), 10-1 Crofton Mall (34h)
23-1 ViewInder (p), Folio (p), 10
Tan.

Wold. Hd., 11.
TOTE DOUBLE: Siberkin Sun and Our Edition, 231,20. TREBLE: Cooch Bohar, Decent Fellow and Do Justico. 214,20. Jackpot not won: no consolation dividend, Guaranteed pool today of 2100,000. 2.15 (2.18) PANORAMA STAKES 12-y-0: 2536: 51)

3012-2 Olamenty (D. A. Jackson), C. W. Bartholomew, 9-2 . A. L. 00430-1 Perry (Mine N. Laloum), F. Laloum, 9-2 . E. Le 0-32152 Haisaut (A. D. S. Mangnall), C. Minenk 9-3 . A. 2100 Darkone (Mine P. Ribes), J. Cupplicator, pm. 9-2 . M. Philli 6-4 Amyntour, 4-1 Ament, Rex Magno, 5-1 Olentro, Jour Jack, 10-1 Darkeino, 16-1 Bainavi, 20-1 Gracious PRIX DE BARBEVILLE (Group III: 4y-o and up : £11,737 : 1m

Sagaro (G. Oktham), F. Sautin, 6-4-4
Citoren (Baron de Pade), J. M. de Chottorsky, 5-9-2, G. Rivas, S. Knight Tomwiar, P. G. Richards), R. Van de Pade, 7-9-2
Campero (J. Motreo), M. Citor, 4-9-0, M. Pyers
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Guert Dg Vin (H. de Chywdornay), N. Pelat, 5-8-12, A. Leucas
Brobasha (Mmo C. de Duca), R. Pelat, 4-8-12
Derrier Tasgo (Mma M. Kalley, Kalley, 4-8-12
Sir Mentaga (P. de Moussie), J. Cunnangion, Jun. 4-8-12
N. Philipperon

6 020202- Busied Fiddle (D) (Mrs M. Los), S. Manthews, 5-8-1 4.20 ASCOT 1,000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o filles:

4.50 ROUGE CROIX HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,271: 5f)

2130- Sunay Soring (D) (G. Guettis). L. Cumani. 9-5 B. Raymond 3
211103- Beninovon (D) (Mr. A. Runistone). P. Wakeyn, 8-8 P. Schort 1
21300-1 Periol Lid (D) (C. Murchy). J. W. Wateyn, 8-8 P. Schort 1
200301- Kingsfold Treeper (D) (G. Nya), C. Bensted, 7-5 regular 4
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Ascot selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.45 Lucky Sovereign. 2.15 Midnight Court. 2.50 THE MINSTREL is specially recommended. 3.50 Soldier Rose. 4.20 Clooniara. 4.50 Portal Lad. 5.20 Pication.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.45 Lucky Sovereign. 3.50 Flame Tree. 4.50 Sunny Spring. 5.20 Recapture.

Liverpool selections By Our Racing Correspondent

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The Geordie accent up front must be matched by the Welsh

By Perer West Rugby Correspondent

If Ladbrokes have got their prices right, Gosforth will beat London Welsh in the semi-final round of the John Player Cup at Old Deer Park this afternoon, and Waterloo will succeed against Saracens at Blundellsands. That would make for an all northern final at Twickenham a fortnight

nence.

There is only a shade of odds between the holders, Gosforth, installed as favourites to win the trophy at 5 to 4, and Welsh, listed at 11 to 8. Waterloo are offered at 7 to 1 and Saracens, as the outsiders, at 10 to 1, so on this basis the Loudon encounter should produce the eventual winners. It certainly looks that way, but you never can tell.

Weish believe that the visit of Gosforth, complete with their own band of Geordie supporters, will attract a substantial crowd to their ground, second only perhaps their ground, second only perhaps to the one that watched them play Cardiff on the morning of an England-Wales game at Twickenham. They have a healthy respect for the power of their opponents up front, realizing that they must at least match them in this department to release what they hope may be the faster and more creative skills of their back division.

sion.

Gosforth are at full strength, which implies full deployment of their formidable loose trio. Today, however, it is switched around to enable Dixon, lately returned from the Oxford University tour of Japan to play at No 8, and Uttley to appear on a flank. That is the official position for which Uttley has been selected for the Lious, although it was not made clear at the time. at the time.
It has also been established, en passant, that Gareth Evans, of Newport, will go to New Zealand as a fourth wing and not as a

an inch in scrummaging power at lock, where the substantial Roberts and Howcroft have resolved doubts about their fitness, and their loose forwards

have been playing most effectively of late, with Taylor in his sharp-est, pristine form on a flank and Manfield looking to be one of the best No 8s available in his

That might make the crunch area the front row, where Deacon, at prop, and Iestyn Thomas, at hooker, are the two changes to the Welsh side that fimished 10—10 the Welsh side that finished 10—10 against the then favourites, Moseley, in the last round, and so came through as the away side. I did not see that game at the Reddings, where the result must have seemed like a reward to Welsh for their persistence and commitment to an expansive theme. But I can vouch for the fact that Gosforth, without Utiley, were somewhat fortunate to get by Gloucester.

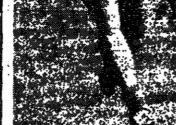
by Gloucester.

All in all, today's affair should be hard and close, with the added bonus of seeing England's scrumhalf, Young, burrowing away behind those familiar forwards and opposed to that mercurial and highly-gifted performer, Lewis. There is an interesting confrontation between their partners, too: Bennett, whose skilful boot has meant so much to Welsh, and Breakey, a big player for his position and a useful one at that.

Saracons would dearly like to Saracens would dearly like to cap their centenary senson with an appearance in the final bot clearly face a tough task in Lancashire (where, last time out, they won at Fyle) against a side who have heen enjoying a handsomely successful campaign. Waterloo have won 26 of their 31 games, totting up 747 points in the process and romaing in 119 tries, of which their left wing, Flett, has scored 30.

Their stand-off half, Ball, has scored almost half of the points in their three knockout ties, none of them more valuable than those he got at the exciting climar against Bedford in the round of the last eight. Both he and his Lancashire partner, Carfoot, were in fine fettle for England Under-23 earlier this week. Carfoot will renew acquaintance with old triends, having played a few games for Saracens must do without Cadle Saracens would dearly like to





Added bonus: Young (left) in opposition today to Lewis

on the wing, a position in which round with more confidence than they have been hard hit by injuries. They move out Caratold no bad thing to plump for the from the centre, and they also drop home side, Both the winding clubs their regular scrum half, Dowling, in favour of Milford.

I take Waterloo to reach the last for, quite apart from the prestige.

Today's cup semi-final teams

LONDON WELSH: G. Fuller; C. F. W. Rees, K. D. Hughes, J. L. Shanklin, R. Ellis-Jones; W. N. Bennett, A. Lewis; S. Young, I. Thomas, B. Adam, M. G. Roberts, C. Howcroft, S. Warlow, J. Manfield, J. Taylor. GOSFORTH: B. Patrick; S. Archer, H. Patrick, J. K. Britten, J. S. Gustard; R. W. Breakey, M. Young; C. White, D. F. Madsen, A. Cutter, T. C. Roberts, J. Headley, P. J. Dixon, R. M. Uttley (captain), D. Robinson.

WATERLOO: S. G. Tickle: I. N. W. Spaven, G. T. Jackson, S. F. Christopherson, M. A. Flett: I. Ball, D. J. Carfoot: F. Black. Hurst, C. D. Fisher (captain), F. Clarke, M. F. Billingham, K. R. Short, K. Lunt, L. Connor, K. Hancock. Hancock.

SARACENS: M. Phillips; P. Worsfold, T. Smithers, D. Crydon, C. Hanson; P. Hawkins, C. Milford; C. McGregor, J. A. Lockwood (captain), R. Faircloth, P. Holden, A. Jaszczak, D. Harrigan, E. Riddle, A. Kety.

Referee: R. Quittenton Referee: A. Welsby (Lanca-

Saracens must do without Cadle

Football

Liverpool at their weakest for crucial week

By Norman Fox

Football Correspondent Although only six first division clubs have played in the past 10 days, the break called for the benefit of the international teams as not been particularly therapeutic. Several of the players who had to drop out of England's party are still unavailable for their clubs and other injuries and influza will affect today's programme lich comes at the start of a busy and important period.

and important period.

Liverpool, who were removed from the top of the league by Ipswich Town's 4-1 win over West Ham United last week and next Wednesday play Zurich in the semi-finel round of the European Cup, approach this crucial week looking weeker than at any time in the season. Toshack, lost to Wales in midweek will not to

understanding is bound to be in danger.

Today Liverpoos will have finished their same with Leeds United before their two challengers, Ipswich and Manchester City, have began at Maine Road. If Liverpool should slip for the first time at Anfield this season, Ipswich would know that victory would revive their championship hopes after several matches in which they seemed dispirited.

The 11.30 kick-off at Anfield, arranged to ease traffic congestion around Liverpool on the afternoon of the Grand National, means that if Liverpool win and regain the lead. Ipswich could take it back again only a few hours later by virtue of goal difference. Ipswich had boped to have all of the team

end of the season, but Osborne has a leg muscle injury and Lambert will play in his first march since Seasonships Lambert will play in his first match since September.

Manchester City, definitely without Tueartwho failed a fitness test before England's match with Luxembourg could have Doyle back in the side, but the manager, Tony Book, said it would be better not to risk him too early in the Easter programme. Royle hurt his back at Wembley but is ready to appear in one of the season's most significant games. City are three points behind Ipswich and Liverpool with a game in hand.

If any of the chasing group following Ipswich, Liverpool and Manchester City have an advantage perhaps it is Manchester United and Aston Villa who have turee and five games in hand, respectively. Nine of United's remaining 13 games are away from

home, including today's at Norwich where they play without Pearson, who has influenza, but they will have Brian Greenhoff back in the defence. Villa, away, to Bristol City who still cause even the best first division teams some problems, are all fit again. As Alan Dicks, Bristol's manager said: "This will make us or break his in the first division. We have us in the first division. We have four matches in 10 days and three are at home."

are at home."

The next 10 days will probably decide whether Tottenham Hotspurwill lose their first division status after 27 years. In most of their matches they show hints of promise without seeming to realize the immediacy of the problem. Perhaps a visit to Coventry will rectify that. Coventry are themselves in need of insurance against relegation and, not having played at home for 10 weeks, they will want to create a good impression.

Rowing

Lightweights could threaten heavyweights

lands and Raly, compete in today's Head of the River race (3.45)
over the four and a quarter mile
course from Mortlake to Pumey.
Favourites for the head title must
be the Leander crew, who start in
second position, powered by four
Olympic aliver medal winners in
the sterm—Crooks, Robertson, Yallop and Clark—and steered by
the Olympic conswain, Patrick
Sweeney.

With no official national train-

By Jim Reilton

A record entry of 387 crews including a large overseas entry from West Germany, the Netherlands and Italy, compete in to-day's Head of the River race (3.45)

ing team entry, there promises to be quite a scramble for the top crews in London's colours today, five places of honour in today's starting in fourth and eleventh from Leander, leading contenders sandwiched between them. The must include Thames Tradesmen, London heavyweights include three two London Rowing Club eights, with a heavyweight crew must include Thames Tradesmen, London heavyweights include three two London Rowing Club eights. must include Thames Tradesmen, two London Rowing Club eights, London University and the successful Oxford University Boat cessful Oxford University Boat Race crew in the livery of Isis, starting as a new entry back in Sosth position.

Thames Tradesmen contain most of the new mational training team recently formed under Chris Blackwall. London Rowing Club have three interesting and rather exceptional entries. The British light

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Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

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Blackpool v Cardiff Bolton v Oldham Burnley v Nottm Forest Chelsea v Blackburn Hull City v Fulham Millwall v Orient Plymouth v Bristol Rov Sheffield Utd v Charlton Southampton v Luten

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Final:
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Barry, Corby v Oswestry, Dinstable
V Wellinghorough, Enderby v Banbury,
Cloucester v Kidderminster (1-1-15).
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Trowbridge, Romford v Metropolitan
Police. ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: ter: new United; which we division: Elun. LEAGUE: First division: ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Tilbury; Croydon v Eton.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division:
Bishop's Stortford v Tilbury; Croydonv Bycombe Wanderers: Daganham v
Woching; Daiwich v Slough Town;
Hendon v Heyrd; Effichin Town v Leyjourise with the Story Town;
Hendon v Heyrd; Effichin Town v Leyjourise; Kingstonian v Smines Town;
Zution United v Southal & Fe; Tooting
& Micham v Hayes. Second division;
Ershanon Athiede v Oxford City:
Checham United v Bromier; Clapton v
is Abans City: Hampton v Aveley;
Hamton v Horsham v
isrwich & Parkoston; Maidenhead
office v Borelam Wood; Walton &
jorsham v Harricord Town; Wokingham
fown v Continting-Castials.

MORTHERN PREMIER
LEAGUE:
Stirtincham v Scarborough, Bartow v
Wigsen Afficite, Frickley v Lancaster,
Jordan & Boston United, Moresambe v
Watlock, Notherfied v Geimberough,
timeren v Goole, South Livergool v
Hossion, Stafford Rangers v Buxton,
worksop v Maccienteled.

Third division

West Ham v Everton Walsall v Chesterfield Falkirk v Dumbarton

Barnsley v Southport St Micren v Raith Bradford y Doncaster Cotchester v Scinthorpe Scottish second division Darlington v Brentford Brechin v Cowdenbezth

Watford v Workington Stranger v Stirling Alb FA YASE: Semi-finals, first les: Hockey Farrborough v Billericay; Shelfield v Hockey REPRESEN ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Final: Brent-y wood y Charterbouse (al Crystal y Palacs NRC).

Lacrosse LACTUSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Old Humelans; Cheadin v Mellor; Old Stoopfardians v Heston Mersey; Sheffield University v Stockport; South Manchester & Wythenshaw's Boardmab & Eccles.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Kentun v Buckharst Kill.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: All-England Chies and Colleges tournament (at Merce, 11.00).

Football : Preview (12.50) ...

Scottish premier division Arsenal v Leicester Brighton v Mansfield Dundee Uti v Ayr Birmingham v Newcastie Chester v York City...... Hearts v Celtic

> Queen of S v Hamilton St Johnstone v Montrose

Crewe v Bournemouth Berwick v E Stirling Buddersfield v Aldershot Dunfermline v Stenhousenmir Rochdele v Hartlepool Forfar v Albion Rovers Swansea v Newport Queen's Park v Mcadowbank ..

HOCKEY

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v Polyrechnic; Striptop v, Ord Kingstonlans: Wimbledon v Royal Artillery.

WOMEN'S MATCH: Coulty Cham-

Weekend television highlights

BBC 1

Racing: Grand National preview

(12.30), Liverpool races 2.0
and 2.35, Grand National
3.15.

BBC 2—tomorrow
Table tennis: World champion—ships (1.53 and 9.20).
Rugby Union: London Welsh v
Gosforth (5.5).

Boxing: Stracey v Green (1.10).

Table tennis: World championwhips (1.25).

Stock car racing: Gardena, California meeting (1.0). Table tennis: Works Champion ships (1.25).

Rugby Leegue: Widnes v Hull Racing: Towcester races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.5; Ascot races at 1.45, 2.15 and 2.50. (11.10).

Racing: Grand National (about (3.15).

12.0).

Motorcycling: Barry Sheene film (3.15).

Wrestling: Walthamstow promotion (3.35).

Table tennis: World champion- IBA-tomorrow ships (5.0 and 10.10).

WOMEN'S MATCH: County Cham-enship: Final (at GLC, Suiton).

Football: Big Match (2.15).

Rugby Union John Player Cup: Semi-final

round London Weish v Cosforth, Waterloo v Satatony,

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Club matches
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Middicabrough v Huddershield.
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Mossley v Northgham.
Noath v Richmond (3.15).
Newton Abbot v Somers't Puffice.
Northampion v Headingley.
Devalue v Somers't Puffice.
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Rugby League Rugby League Cup : Semi-final

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National open schools tham;
final (at Whitgift School). Tomorrow Football ... NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE Worksop v Netherfield.

Rugby Union
JOHN PLAYER CUP: Preliminary
round: Lewes v Chinage (at Brighton
RFC, 3.00.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Old
Religations Past and Present XV v
International XV (4.00). Rugby League Rugoy League
FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern
v Castleford (5.30); Featherstone
Rovers v Leeds (5.30); Leigh v Bizhefield Trinity (5.30); Oldham v Sallord
(5.39); Vigan v Barrow.
SRCOND DIVISION: Blackmont
(bayongh v Hallist; Hun v New Hanslei;
Hayton v Donesiter (3.30); Swinton
v Bramley: York v Whitchavon.

Hockey
COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire y
Combridge at Laion: Vorcestorshire
y Staffordshire (at Kings Houth, Eliv stattordshire (at Kings Heath, Eli-minsham).
MATIORAL CLUS CHAMPIONSHIP: Sept-final round Nottingham v Stouch (2.50). St. Albans v Beckenham (2.50). 2.50), bt. Albans v Beckenham (2.50).
SUSSEX CUP: Final: Mid-Sussex v Chichester to Lores, 5.0).
LONDON LEAGUE: Semi-final play-offs: Southmake v Horsulom (2.50); Semi-r v Fichmond (2.50); Semi-r v Fichmond (2.50); Semi-r v Fichmond (2.50); Semi-r v TAVR (at Aldershot, 1.45); RAF (Inder-21 v East Under-21 r RAF (Viola, Hunts, 5.0); Royal Nav Under-21 v Surbiton Under-22 (4) US portsmouth.

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Amritraj in top gear to dispose of **Nastase**

By Rez Bellamy Tennis Correspondent Tennis Correspondent
Vijay Amritraj, who was 2-3
down to Bie Nantsee after their
previous marches, beat him 6-3,
5-7, 6-2 to reach the semi-final
round of the World Championship Tennis fournament at Earls
Court last evening. The previous
day Amritraj had beatan Ken
Rosewall for the first time. After
such a success there is a danger
of an emotional reaction in the
next round. But Amritraj again. of an emotional reaction in the next round. But Americal again played gracefully punishing tennis and, except for a tentarive phase at the crisis of the second set, showed a more consistent sense of purpose than Nastase.

The Romanian began the match with an ace and on the seventh point int a forehand service return of blazing beauty. His sure touch in exploiting a rich variety of spir provided further evidence that his game was working well. But the darker side of Nastase also came to the surface: and the crowd's swift reactions to his petulant outbursts (never pro-

petulant outbursts (never pro-longed) indicated that the public were not prepared to stand any

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More to the point were the deficiencies of Nastase's concentration. From 3—2 up in the first set, he scored only four more points. From 3—1 up in the second the scored only three points in three games. After breaking service at the start of the third set, he scored only five more four games. In short, his game was working but his will was not—not consistently suyway. By contrast Amritraj was always in top gear mentally, though his gentle and generous nature was often evident in his appreciation of Nastase's most brilliant shots. At his best Nastase was the often erident in his appreciation of Nassase's most brilliand shots.

At his best Nastase was the better player. But Amritral stays a feath longer on stightly lower peaks. The third time Nastase's concentration collapsed, he went down 1—4 in the third set. He then held his service, but in the next game was clearly struggling to hold his service, but in the next game was clearly struggling to hold his game together. Amritral won this game with a second service Nastase thought was a fault. Amritral offered to replay the point but Nastase insisted that service was either in or out Whereupon the umpire agreed with the linesman, that the service was either in or out Whereupon the importance of the linesman, which will be analyzed.

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Nostase's termis tended to dis-tract attention from the more solid merits of Amriral, who said later merits of Amrirai, who said later that he went into the match with two things in mind: "When he's at the losing end in always tends to hurry things up. I decided to take my time. And when he gets a set-up foreitand, he always this to the backland volley." Antirraj kept risose thoughts for the day in the front of his mind. His was a remarkably good performance: so good that Nassase needed to keep his concentration all the time instead of part of the time.

Dick Stockton, 9in taller and 3x 8ib heavier, beat Harold Solomon 6—3, 6—4 in a catchweight contest. Stockton's style is so natural and macomplicated, so direct in its measured brutality.

that it is easy to forget the diffi-culty of the shots he plays with such flowing case. After two games Solomon settled down in games Scotmon series cown in a promising way, producing some teasing ground strokes and changes changes of pace. But from 3—2 and 30—all he scored only two points—and in the second set he became disconsolate and testy.

Rackets

Malvern have seldom played better By Our Rackets Correspondent

Malvern and Marlborough, the holders, will meet in the final round of the schools rackets championship at Queen's club today. Their fortunes in yesterday's semi-final round matches were markedly different. Malvern gave a performance that was ruth-less and intelligent to beat Helley-bury in four games while Mari-borough wavered before winning borough wavered before winning in seven games against Harrow.

Rosser and McDonald of Malvern beat Wakley and Ellis of Halleybury by 15—2, 15—10, 15—12, 15—10 and it is doubtful whether they have ever played better. Rosser, a left-hander like his partner and Wakley, was like quicksilver, picking up the most difficult shots, making numerous points on service and tying the opposition into knots. He and McDonald had decided to make full use of the side-walls against two straight history.

Show jumping

Greensboro, North Carolina, April 1.—Peter Oosterhuis of Britain enters the second round of the \$235,000 Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament here today in John seventh spot only four strokes off the lead. Oosterhuis yesterday shot a par 71 to John a number of players, including the South African Cary ing the South African Gary Player, four strokes behind America's Andy Bean, who shot into the lead with a five-under-

on opening day of show

four years ago, underwent a major

eye operation last mouth, following

end of the afternoon in the Bally-willwill Speed Stakes, which was well won by Captalu Coo Power, whose family bred the 1947 Grand National winner, Lough Conn. Captain Power, who was the leading rider at last year's Dublin Horse Show, and runner-up for this title in Rome, came from behind on Coolronan to give Ire-land her first important; victory By Pamela Macgregor-Morris Geoffrey Glazzard, who seems to have assumed the mantle discarded by Paddy McMahon since the latter decided to strike out on his own last month, is riding on his own last month, is riding a vast string of horses at the Wales and West jumping show at Mount Ballan Manor, Crick, Chepstow, which started its three-day run yesterday. He brought off a double, his main victory being in the Harris. Carpet Stakes for grades A and B horses, which he won on Fred Harridil's Penwood. land her first important victory of the season. Fred Broome, who has seen his family show in their home paddock grow apace to its present four-ring stature since he started it.

Michael Whitaker, who won four competitions at the Amberley show in Circucester Park last weekend, set the target in a jump-off of 18 horses with a second clear off of 18 horses with a second clear round on Brother Scot in 35.9set. But Penwood Koyll clipped 0.7 seconds off this time and was never headed thereafter.

Twenty-five Irish, horses bound for the Easter meeting at Hickstend have made this show their first port of call in England, and their hest effort was a fourth place for Lieutenant Roche, the newcomer to the Irish army team, on Ashbourne, who was fractionally faster than Frederick Broome on Wenlock Wolf and Tony Newbery on Snuffles.

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But their high spot came at the

England captain says top players should have an agent as in golf thinking against bolts from the money has already been collected

Table tennis

As the qualifying competitions wound their way endlessly through three rounds over 15 hours, Peter Simpson, England's non-playing Simpson, England's non-playing captain, turned his telescope at the world table tennis championships in Birmingham yesterday to the future. He disclosed that in his report to the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) he would make strong recommendations aimed at making sure that England's leading players, the country's juniors and the area coaches, all had improved opportunities to develop standards comparable with those elsewhere in the world.

Mr Simpson, who is also

the world.

Mr Simpson, who is also national trainer and coach, admitted at a press conference that he believed an agent of the same lik as Mark McCormack in American golf was needed in England to ensure that the top players in table tennis could earn a worthwhile living from the sport. Some rood players in the past had left good players in the past had left school to try, but had been on a hiding to nothing and had soon been lost to the game.

Keeping the best players in the sport was one essential. Another was to give jundors the chance to continue their adult education while developing their table termis ability. In this, he had a lot of faith in the centres of excellence; as they are called, planned for the years ahead by the Sports Conncil. The one at Leeds was already leading the way and others in time would play their parts. The best type of coaches also had to be found and encouraged.

All this would take time, Mr Simpson said, and would hardly have a lot of bearing on the 1979 world championships in North Korea. Meanwhile a great deal of time and money was being spent on filming and studying the techniques of the world's best players in Birmingham, and all this date would be analysed.

Mr Simpson's recommendations will form part and parcel of the coming months, following that extraordinary decision by the game's international federation this week to relustitute the distinctions between amateurs and professionals. Obviously it will be a gruelling close season this summer for the ETTA at their headquarters in Hastings, hardy a town noted since 1066 for successful Keeping the best players in the sport was one essential. Another

At least the ETTA are confident that financially the present world championships are not going to prove an embarrassment. Total costs for them as hosts have passed rent involved for the National Exhibition Centre. Other contri-butions have come from the threeyear involvement in the sport by Norwich Union, the largest com-mercial sponsors; ricket sales hitherto of £125,000; and undisclosed revenue from television, the Government exhibition stands, pro-gramme edvertisers, and other

According to Michael Lewiess, the ETTA's championship director, it means that the insurance taken out by the ETTA with their gustantee fund among their \$,600 affiliated clubs will not be needed. At 30p a head per player, this would have yielded £80,000 over three years. The first year's

thousands of players in schools, youth clubs, and in church halls can rest easy: Mr Healey remains their main problem.

England got three qualifiers through to the first round proper in the men's singles. They are Addrew Barden (Barnet) and Douglas Johnson (Birmingham) together with Robert Wiley, an Douglas Johnson (Birmingham) together with Robert Wiley, an 18-year-old from Middlesbrough, who only scraped into the championiships a formight ago when Nick Jarvis (Redcar) finally yielded in his struggle to overcome a persistent back injury. Susan Liste (Cheshre) was the only English girl to pass through the three qualifying rounds. A disappointment was the fall at the first fence of Melody Ludi (Bradford).

Paul Raphael, the American No 5, was dismissed from the championships yesterday for disciplinary reasons.

Results in individual events

Qualifying competition: Men's singles

Golf Correspondent

Another rough day at Deal and
Sandwich reduced the Halford
Hewitt field to as strong a last 16
as could be expected. In a key
match Charterhouse found the
three points they needed against
Eton without resorting to the 18th
hole although apart from one
match which lurched away from
Eton the remainder all went to
the 17th, indicating a hard match.
From a casual look at the draw
one might have thought that From a casual look at the draw one might have thought that Eton's best chance of a point lay in their fourth pair, Koch de Gooreynd and Marr, but in the event this was the march that went wrong for them. One up at the 10th and likely to become two the 10m and likely to become two up when their opponents missed the 11th green, they took three putts shere and lost the hole. They also lost the last four holes of the match and in this Lloyd played his part, striking a four fron to eight feer at the 15th to win the hole and hitting the middle of the 16th with a one iron

middle of the 16th with a one iron to seal victory.

It was a gratifying result, because Lloyd, who plays off four at Sandwich, was a late choice for the team. Eton's only point came in the second match where Kimber and Critchley finished strongly, Critchley holing from 12 feet to regain the lead at the 16th and hitting a glorious two wood from the rough at the 17th to deny their opponents any chance of recovery. Charterhouse were also heartened by the return of I Quick. Nobody is allowed to hang about for long in hospitals these days, but it must be something of a record for a man to play a golf a record for a man to play a golf match in a half gale as he did, one week after having a cartilage

removed
There is no longer any such thing as an open path to the final in this tournament but Charter-bonse are certainly in the easier half of the drow. One of their hardest opponents on the way to

the final might be Mariborough who this year are becoming drama specialists. After their extra holes victory in the first round, they had to go to the 21st in the third and final match yesterday before they beat Helleybury. The Halleyburians, F. R. Royle and J. Rowlett had their chances, notably at the 19th where they took three purts with their opponents always taking five. Marlborough in the persons of B. Carrick and R. Whitmore, owed e good deal to Carrick who holed three times from six feet to keep the match alive They work with a three at the 21st where Halleybury took three to get down from the edge of the green. Carrick's brother-in-law, W. J. Uzielli, also contributed to his side's victory by partoering hatman, in fluent after a against M. F. Bonellack and R. W. Richardson. At Deal where the remainder of the tournament takes place todey and tomorrow the remainder of the tournament takes place today and tomorrow there is a strong line up with an there is a strong line up with an important meeting between the two Scottish schools Watsons and Merchiston. Merchiston, the holders, were involved in one of the chief drames of the day after R. Boydard D. Frame had won their match for Wellington at the 20th. Merchiston had to wakt for their winning point until J. Briggs and P. Burt five up with six to play, staggered home on the last green. DEAL: First round: Wellington beat Staggered home on the last green.

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Merchiston beat Wellimpoorough 3—2;
Second round: Maivern beat Westminster 3—3; Harrow beat Bradfield 4—1; Rossall beat Mill Hill
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boat Winchester 4—1; Werchiston beat
Highgate 4—1; Merchiston beat
Wellington 3—2; Third round: Harrow
beat Maivern 3—2; Rossall beat Lancing 4—1

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SANDWICH: First pound: Cheltonham
best Stonyhurst 5—0: Kinge, Canterbury boat Canford 4—1: Oundle best
Sherbourne 4—1: Tannon best Forest
1—1: Second round: Charterhouse best
Elon 31—11: Merchant Taylors best
Framilmeham 4—1: Tombridge best
Eastbourne 3—2: Downside best Liverpool 3—2: Crantoigh boat Uppingham
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produced a 68 on a windy Forest Oaks Country Club course. Bill Mallon is in fourth place after a S. SCORES: 67, A. Bean; 68, G. Burns; D. Edwards: 69, W. Mallon: 70, H. Hwin: B. Bard: 71, G. Player (SAT: P. Oorderhals (TB: A. Gelborger: J. Indian. R. Massengstor: J. Indian. R. Massengstor: J. Indian. R. Massengstor: J. M. Marker, M. Barber: M. Barber: M. Barber: M. Barber: J. Pathio. G. Marian. R. Maddins.—Return: PALM SPRINGS (California): 72, J. Higgens; 73, A. Alcont: 74, B. Bryant, P. Higgens; 73, A. Alcont: 74, B. Bryant, S. Poar (Canada): J. Karmiorski, K. McMullen, K. Martin, S. Bertolatinn, G. Armiorski, K. McMullen, K. Martin, S. Bertolatinn, G. Poar (Canada): J. Karmiorski, K. McMullen, K. Martin, S. Bertolatinn, G. Poar (Canada): J. Karmiorski, K. McMullen, K. Martin, S. Bertolatinn, G. Poar (Canada): J. Martin, G. Miguchi, J. Master (J. Martin): T. M. Wasker (GB: M. Master (J. Martin): J. M. M. Master (J. Martin): J. M. Master (J. Martin): J. M. M. Master (J. Martin): J. M

fought back to 155 for four at the after another disastrous start on the first day of the fourth Test match against. West Indies at Queen's Park Oval here today.

After losing their first two wickets for 19 runs, they had recovered to be 39 for three at lunch, with Majid Khan, their opening batsman, in fluent form after a hesitant beginning against the three-pronged West Indies fast bowling.

damage was Coherts, the Antiguan. Making the most of the humid atmosphere and early moisture in the pitch, he grabbed the wicket of Sadiq Mohammad, the opening batsman, off his fifth ball. ball.
Sadiq, who has been hit several times by the West Indies: fast bowlers, faced a ball which rose sharply from just short of a length, hit his glove and flew to Lioyd at fourth slip. He was out for nought and Pakistan were one for the former and the state of the state of

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for one. Zaheer Abbas joined Majid at the wicket and set about pounding the fast bowlers off a length, striking two glorious hooks. Then he reached for a ball wide of his off stump and dragged k on the big second of his off stump and dragged it on to his wicket. He had scored 14.

For an hour, Majib Khan and Haroon Rashid defied the West Indian bowlers, although both enjoyed good fortune. Majid was bowled by a no-ball from Joel Garner when 10, Haroon was dropped by Roy Fredericks at gully off Roberts when one.

Haroon did not presser from

Haroon did not prosper from his chance. He had made 11 when his chance. He had made 11 when he played forward to a ball from the left-arm wrist spigmer, Inshan Ali, snicked it on to his boot and was caught on the rebound by Kallicharran at first slip.

The best batting came in the final 40 minutes before lunch when Majid and the Paldstanl captain, Mushtaq Mohammad, showing his best form of the series, added 48 runs,

PAKISTAN: First Innings Majid Khan, c Murray, b Croft . . Sugita "Nobaramad c Lloyd, b

Ice bockey

Glazzard brings off double | Slough hope for a windfall at Goosedale Farm

By Sydney Friskin

As the English hockey season draws to a close the scramble continues for the few plums that are left. There are no easy pickings tomorrow for the teams involved in the semi final round of the national club championship and the London League. and the London League.
In the club championship, spon-sored by Benson and Hedges, Notriogham, the titleholders, are at home to Slough at Goosedale Parm (3 p.m.). St Albans will meet Beckenham at Clarence Park (2.30). If Beckenham and Slough survive these tests their meeting on May 1 will be a reenactment of the South final, which Beckenham won by 1—0 on December 19 last year. eye operation last month, rottowing a bad fall in the hunting field last winter, when he landed head first on a Monmouthshire hank. David Broome is naturally in Geneva with the British team, but last year. Slough have the more difficult task tomorrow; Nottingham are fielding 10 of the players who won the final last season when they beat Hounglow 2—0 in London, the only absence being Stokes, who scored one of their goals. So Nottingham are soundly equipped and well prepared. Their prime task will be to cope with Slough's stick artists, Saini, and Khehar, who are in top form. This means that Elson, the Nottingham captain, will have a heavy burden to carry in mid-field.

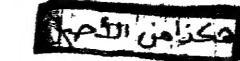
Slough's defence will be somewhat weakened by the absence of fielding 10 of the players who won

Partis, who suffered a serious arm injury last week and may be out of the game for some time. His stabilizing influence on the ream as a whole will probably be missed more than anything else, but Slough still have enough talent to give them a reasonable chance of winning through.

Sr Albans the Face champions St Albans, the East champions, have reached the last four for the first time. Their team is well stocked with distinguished Heristocked with distinguished Hertfordshire player; such as Morgan,
Ashby, and Holbrook, who have
served them well in earlier
matches. Beckenham, likewise, are
well represented by some of the
best players to be found in Kent.
These include McDoosh, Mills,
Page and Westwood; and there
is Armone constituous in attack. rage and westwood; and there is Armour, conspicuous in attack, not in defence. There is an even distribution of talent in this match which might well go into extra time and penalty strokes.

The semi-final line-up for the London League is: Spencer versional southerner of Spencer versions and semi-final strength of the semi-final line-up for the London League is: Spencer versions and semi-final These four teams have come through a bard slog in prolonged fixture commitments, although slogging is unlikely to be a feature of their play tomorrow.

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Thebirth The Avengers

Howard Thomas





Above left : Macnee an Hendry (right), 1961

Above right : Macnee with Julie Stevens

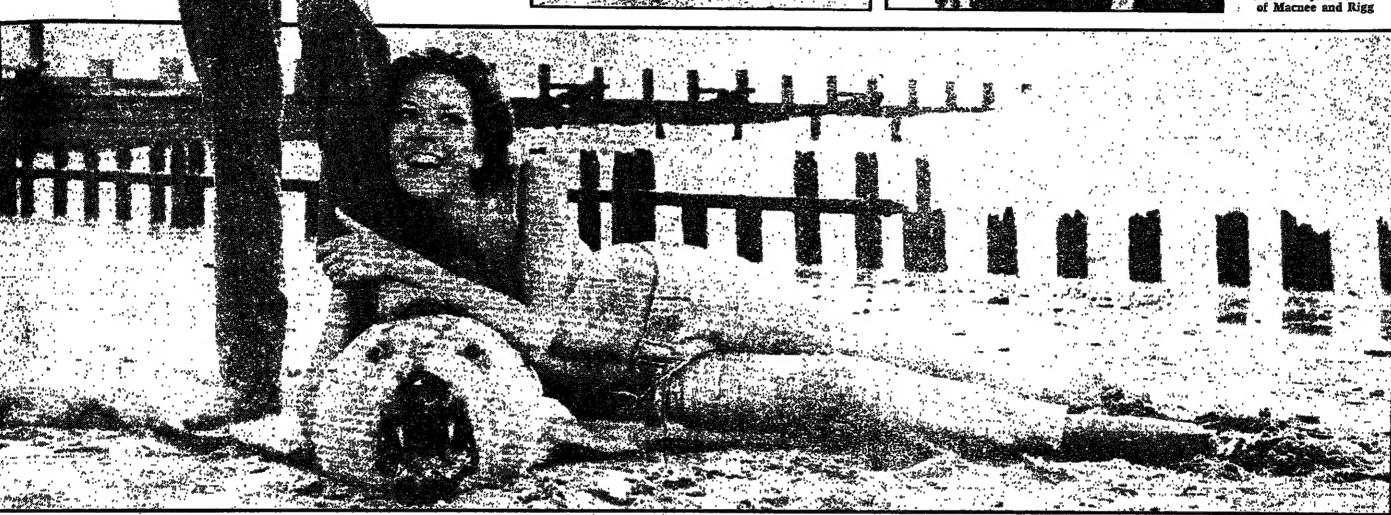
Far left : Another villain felled

Left : Honor Blackman as Cathy Gale

Below: Dynamic duo of Macnee and Rigg







The early success of Independent Television owed much to Sunday night programme planning, when two-thirds of viewers switched to the combination of ATV's "Sunday Night at the London Palladium" and ABC's "Armchair Theatre". From the outset I had faith in the one-act play specially written for television, and Dennis Vance set up "Armchair Theatre", rehearsed in London for two weeks then broadcast live from Manchester after a single day in the studio. Then on BBC I watched a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation play "Flight into Danger" and found that the producer, Sydney Newman, was a man with a reputation for choosing topical subjects and then schooling writers to turn them into television scripts. "Flight into Danger" was written by a journalist, Arthur Hailey. Sydney Newman flew over to lunch with me at the Ivy on Christmas Eve and within four months joined us at ABC Television.

Armchair Theatre reached the depression. The Daily Mail beadlined his move with "BBC Signs TV Dustbin' Man." This was unfairly sensational but undoubtedly a play series which mirrored life at the end of the nineteen-fifties provided Sydney's dramatists with plenty of depressing sub-

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As the percentage increased of realistic and gloomy plays I suggested to Newman that our schedules needed balancing with something more light-hearted and sophisticated.
I reminded him of the days when MGM produced sparkling contract stars like Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, Myrna Loy and Norma Shearer, elegantly dressed and in fashionable settings. Why couldn't we make a series based, for instance, on The Thin Man, with characters like those made famous by William Powell and Myrna 1972. Loy? This suggestion appealed to the ever-receptive Sydney and he came back quickly with a proposal. Seeking popular new series he had coined a title, Police Surgeon, which seemed to have the elements of boxoffice appeal. In spite of the performance of a compelling young-actor, Ian Hendry, the first episodes had made little impact. We looked at a newly completed episode in which Ian Hendry acted with Patrick Macnes. Macnee, an actor who had recently returned to Britain after a few years in Holly-wood. In the episode Macnee's girl friend had been murdered and the two men vowed to

Sydney Newman's proposal was that we should team the two actors. Hendry again as a doctor and Macnee as a manabout-town agent. A girl was needed to match them and as we could not decide upon the most suitable of two actresses we alternated Julie Stevens, a young contract actress ABC had found in Manchester, with a former Rank starlet who had matured into an accomplished actress, Honor Blackman.

The first series of what was now called The Avengers began in January, 1961. ATV's refusal

During Sydney Newman's four to network it gave the proand a half years with ABC, gramme an unexpected opportunity for a provincial Armchair Theatre reached the heights of British television drama although sometimes it also touched the depths of depression. The Daily Mail London to confront West End a long Equity strike and it was not until May 1962 that we were able to launch the series in what became the familiar format. Ian Hendry had decided that he had no wish to be type-cast in a regular series and he dropped out, aithough he continued to appear often for ABC in important plays. Honor Blackman's stylish auth-ority was exactly right for the part of Cathy Gale. Julie Stevens went off in the oppo-site direction, to become one of the regular presenters in a BBC children's programme.

The Avengers unit quickly became a dedicated team, with an eager young Scot, John Bryce, as producer working closely with Richard Bates as story editor. Patrick Macnee was dandified in Edwardian style, wearing braided suits and embroidered waistoats. and embroidered waistcoats, plus a curly bowler hat and an umbrella-swordstick. Macnee did not carry a gun but was always ready to use ungentle-manly tactics in dealing with rough customers. Michael Whittaker and Frederick Starke designed clothes for Honor Blackman, and her man-tailored suits high boors tailored suits, high boots, leather jerkins and car suits started fashion trends which became a trade-mark of the programme. Richard Bates (a son of the author H. E. Bates) had dozens of writers at one time or another working on the series, but the main scripts he selected came from Roger Marshall, Erian Clemens, Eric Paice and Malcolm Hulke.

Produced on videotape at eddington Studies, The Teddington Avengers became a national hit once ATV gave in and we were allowed air time in Lon-Overseas interest was considerable and our film company's distributors in the United States were optimistic of its chances there. The handicap was that there was no satisfactory electronic method of transferring British 405-line television videotapes to the American 525-line standard.

thriller, and, secondly, its ton-gue-in-cheek impudence and way-out situations which captured the more selective critics and audiences. The first make a feature film of The year's run was interrupted by a long Equity strike and in Avengers or, at least to put Honor Blackman under con-tract because of her obvious feature film appeal, but with-out response. Instead Harry Saltzman stepped in and signed up Honor for his James Bond series and she made an instant hit as Pussy Galore.

This was happening at a time when I was encouraging the parent company, ABPC, to invest a million pounds in a filmed television series of The Avengers. At Elstree studios the corporation had made several half-hearted sallies into television film series like Fly-ing Doctor and International Detective but none of them had recovered their costs. Meanwhile Lew Grade had followed up the Robin Hood filmed series he had inherited from Hannah Weinstein by making The Saint, with Roger and Danger Man star. Moore, and Danger Man, star-ring Patrick McGoohan.

Ten years ago, the economics of one-hour drama series was that the production cost per episode of a series on video-tape like The Avengers or Caltape like The Avengers or Callan, with two weeks in rehearsal followed by two days in the television studios, was £10,000 "above the line" plus another £10,000 for studio costs and overheads. "Abovethe-line" means the actual stable areas and overheads. cash expenditure on actors, writers, sets and costumes. In television, artists' and writers' fees are based on a single performance in the United King-dom, with additional payments for repeats and for overseas sales.

A similar script, produced in a film studio at the normal a film studio at the normal average series rate of five minutes a day, would take two weeks of full studio usage, plus the consequent cost of editing and dubbing music and sound effects. Such film costs averaged \$40,000 for a one-hour episode, but this included world rights on across perforworld rights on actors performances and writers' scripts. The ITV network would pay £20,000 for two transmissions

was due to its appeal on two another £20,000 from world gestions for a new "Emma network executives has always certain, was a bright young levels, first as a fast-moving sales to recover his costs. Peel" and we made screen been alarming.

American starlet in the part of Earnings on this scale almost impossible to achieve unless the series was sold to America, either through a network or syndicated to a few hundred individual stations. Only ATV and ABC ever succeeded in breaking into the American networks, although years later the BBC managed to get one or two of its cos-tume play series and docu-mentaries transmitted. Partly because of my contention that a filmed series of The Avengers would bring a year's work to Elstree studio stages the Board of ABPC finally agreed to let me spend the million pounds on 26 one-hour programmes in black-and-white film.

Julian Wintle was a feature film producer with a reputa-tion for producing consistent films of quality on a commer-cial basis, and we had already gone through a trial run in making The Human Jungle, a series he brought to ABC. Winile's particular skill was in the editing of film and his postproduction touches could pro-vide the gloss and glamour The Avengers demanded. I put all the elements of a successful television series at his disposal; producers, directors, script editors, writers, design ers, and cast, and to all this he added his own skills, aided by his production Albert Fennell. supervisor

Honor Blackman seemed almost irreplaceable until we came across another actress who was both beautiful and accomplished. Having lost our Cathy Gale to James Bond the script editors invented a new character, Emma Peel. The name was coined by a press officer on the ABC series, Marie Donaldson, based on: "Man appeal—m appeal— Emma Peel! See?"

Wintle and I scrutinized all the rushes and the rough cuts the first three episodes. They were depressing. The actress was not right for the part. The three episodes were not good enough. I had to make a bitter decision. At a cost of the £120,000 already spent, I had to halt production and find a replacement.

Everyone connected with

tests of a dozen young actresses. Many were promising, yet not sufficiently outstanding. Then Dodo Watts, our casting director, asked me to look at an actress she had cast for an Armchair Theatre comedy. The play had just been recorded but not transmitted, and we played it back on closed circuit. The actress was a member of Peter Hall's Royal Shakespeare Company and she was attractive, intelli-gent, combative and had a fine Elstree Studios for a film test and (for this was vital) to play a scene opposite Pat Macnee. The chemistry worked—they were perfectly partnered. Diana Rigg was signed up on a long-term contract to play the

being handled by Bob Norris, a Californian who, as a consequence of marrying an English girl, semled in Britain. Although interest had been aroused in the States, in spite of the rather fuzzy telerecord-ings of earlier video-taped episodes, there was no sign of a sale to any of the three major United States networks. With half the filmed series com-pleted, and half a million pounds spent, the situation began to look desperate. Norris and I flew to New York to ta kle the network bosses.

It was the worst week of my television life. Every day we would set forth from the Gotham Hotel with our cans of film, our charts and statistics, plod around Manhattan, talking to executives and screen buyers. Every evening we would slump back into our chairs in the hotel and hope for the telephone to ring.

Both NBC and CBS continued to show interest but we encountered the inbuilt antipathy to British accents and lack of pace which the British film industry has rarely been able to overcome. Again, we discovered, the programme buyers in top jobs at the network were cautious and unadventurous, because their livelihood depends upon successful decisions and they were judged by results at the end of American 525-line standard. of these films, so the producer *The Avengers* and Drama every season. The "mortality-The success of *The Avengers* would still need to collect Department came up with sug-rate" of such American

Then I had a stroke of good fortune. I had known for many years the president of the ABC

network. Leonard Goldenson, who had come into television from the film world of Paramount and on several occa-mount and on several occa-sions he had visited our com-pany, ABC, in London. An ang-lophile, he appreciated the quality of British production in films, theatre and television and he was most helpful and encouraging. However some-times nothing can be more fatal than a boost from the boss and a recommendation or even an instruction from the front office can be the kiss of death to a hopeful performer or producer. Luckily, Tom Moore, the ABC programme executive, had screened several episodes of The Avengers with increasing interest, and this confirmation of his own judgment proved to be timely.

By Friday morning, our last

day in New York, Norris and I found ourselves with two final hurdles to overcome. The films were in black-and-white and the networks were insisting that all series should now be filmed in colour. We talked our way out of this on the thin excuse that The Avengers would have the distinction of being the last TV series sold to America in monochrome. Our remaining hope had been to get the series into the network schedule during the summer months, when the regular pro-gramme series were off the air. Otherwise the second and final chance was that our series could be a replacement for one of the other new series which collapsed in the early months of a new season. ABC said they might be willing to take the first 13 programmes on this basis in black-andwhite. If by some miracle the series succeeded and they wanted more, then we would have to go into colour for the second 13. The other difficulty was the unknown girl who was starring in the series. Now that a sale was within sight flocks of ABC executives came to screenings of the episodes to inspect the product they might be handling in their respective departments. They all thought her very good, but she was completely unknown. They had never heard of her. She was

American starlet in the part of Emma Peel-

refused. The essence of The Avengers was its English-That was the quality which basically appealed to them and I insisted it would also be a reason for winning a also be a reason for winning a new audience; something totally unlike any American series. We held on, and Diana Rigg stayed in, to become a television star in the United States as well as throughout the world. Long after, Diana was besieged by all three American networks to appear in a series of her own built American networks to appear in a series of her own, built around her, at her own price. Ultimately the vehicle designed for her followed a typical American pattern and could indeed have been played by an American actress, but it failed to be a series of which Diana Rigg could be proud. Back we came to London,

with 13 episodes sold, to try to convert the remaining episodes to colour, even though we would have to go above budget Weeks of waiting went by, until the first Nielsen Research audience raings were telephoned to us. Then came the cable when ABC took up the options for the second 13 and, with the series already leaping into popularity, an option for another 26 in colour. The Avengers developed into a cult in the United States and even today when I go to New York repeats are still run-ning in the small hours.

A happy moment was when the contracts were signed and we announced the sale to the United States, forecasting how many millions of dollars the series was going to bring to Britain. The Evening Standard headlined this as the biggest television deal ever made with the United States. Within an hour of publication a furious Lew Grade was on the telephone yelling that it was not the biggest deal. His were always the biggest deals! In fact, The Avengers ultimately earned 10 million dollars over-seas and revenue is still com-

The most pleasing aspect to me was that we had produced the series to British standards and not to American requirenever heard of her. She was ments. This has always been not even a British star! What the difference in attitudes the series needed, they were towards overseas sales between

Lew Grade and myself. He has elways preferred to run two business operations: his ATV franchise in the Midlands, and then his other output of pro-grammes designed specifically for the American market. Sometimes I have jokingly reminded him that he should be concentrating on Birming-ham, England, rather than Birmingham, Alabama. My policy for the two companies I started was, first, to satisfy the Braish audience. If in accomplishing that we could achieve international standards of quality we should be able to sell such programmes overseas. sell such programmes overseas.
This seems to be the BBC
policy, as well, and I think
that our moderate success in
the United States with programmes of quality has done
much to maintain the high
reputation of British drama and documentaries in America.
Our policy has certainly been justified in the important market of Australia where British television programmes, pri-marily BBC and our own, have now assumed the lead over American products. The American networks remain a difficult target and at the time of writing Sir Lew appears to have given them up, too, and instead has turned to

producing feature films for the cinemas. The gamble of mak-ing television film series for the American market has become enormous. The production cost of The Avengers (and I presume The Saint too) rose from £40,000 to £60,000 an episode. Today it £60,000 an episode. Today it would cost more than £80,000 to produce an Avengers of comparative quality. To make the required minimum series of 26 would cost two million pounds, a venture few would contemplate with optimism. Series like The World at War were not accepted by the American networks, mainly because there is no room in their schedules for series of 26 one-hour documentaries; but one-hour documentaries; but by slogging away around the United States, city by city, our distributors sold this series to 64 individual stations in the principal cities and earned \$1,500,000.

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9.00 am, Chigley. 9.15, Cartoon. 7.40 am-1.55 pm, Open University: 9.35, Robinson Crusoe.* 10.00, Ford Interview (1); 8.05, An-Zorro.* 10.25, Film: Merton of the alysing Social Interaction; 8.30, Movies, with Red Skelton, Gloria Electricity and Magnetism; 8.55. 4.30; 12.45, Football Focus; 1.05, of Lysozyme; 11.25, Sweden: In-International Boxing; 1.20, Table

Granis; 3.45, Rugby League Cup
Semi-final, Widnes v Hull KR; Approach to Energy; 12.40, Demo4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Fink
Panther.

5.30 News. Sport.

Granis; 1.25, Sweden: Industrial Democracy; 11.50, Pink
graphic Crisis; 1.05, MathsNumerical Methods; 1.30, Soviet
Government and Politics. 2.45, Film: An Ideal Husband, with Paulette Goddard, Michael Wilding. 4.20, Think of a Number. 4.50, Cartoon. 5.00, Table Tennis. 6.00,

8.00 Morecambe and Wise Open Door, 6.30, Sight and Sound 7.30 .. News. 7.40 The Age of Uncertainty.

10.10 Table Tennis. 11.10 News. 11.15. Film: Brute Force, with Burt Lancaster, Charles Tyne Tees Bickford.*

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m, Westher; News. 2.05, Con-tivel, Gound, Dupri, Debusy, on, Grandjany, Roparu., p.00, 9.05, Recard Beview, 10.15, Rectase. 11.10, Mendelsson, Rectast., 12.02 pm, Robin Ray, Jucys. 1.00, Heridae, 1.15, ad Plane Rectal. / 2.20, Man of the lates.

London Weekend

9.00 am, Plain Sailing. 9.25. Supersonic. 9.30, Hammy Hamster. 9.50, Castaway (r). 10.20, Junior Police 5. 10.30, The Rovers (r). 11.00, Pure Supersoulc. 11.30, Space 1999. 9.45, 12.30 pm, World of Sport with Data 12.35, On the Ball; 1.00, Stock Car 12.30, Grandstand, including: Mechanics—Particles; 10.10, Data 12.35, On the Ball; 1.00, Stock Car Grand National Day—12.30, 1.45, in the Computer; 10.35, Solving Championship, 1.10, News. 1.20, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.35, 2.45, 3.15, Linear Equations; 11.00, Structure FTV Seven from Towcester and Ascot; 3.15, Barry Sheene; 3.35, Wrestling; 3.50, Round-up; 4.00, Wrestling ; 4.50, Results.

5.05 News. 5.15 Muppet. 5.45 Happy Days. 6,15 Celebrity Squares. 7.00 New Faces Final.

8.15 Rich Man, Poor Man. 10.00 Yes-Honestly. 10.30 News. 10.45 All You Need is Lore. 11.45 From A Bird's Eye View.

12.15 am Close; Tim Heath reads Godfacts by Dick Williams.

and has endured. One comes away from such a programme. if not with one's warmest sym-pathies aroused, at least with a certain understanding and re-BBC Radio Lendon, news, entertainment VHF, 206 M.

Radio

Under the McIntyre flag

It was unfortunate for Ian McIntyre that his announce-ment of changes for Radio 4 happened in the same week as the unveiling of Annan. One might argue that a declaration of firm intent which, after April and unless the world ends in the meanwhile, will actually change what comes out of our loudspeakers, is more note-worthy than 500 pages of hope-ful recommendations. In spite of that, Annan stole the thunder and because of it I now have two weeks programmes to attend to and am inclined to let him keep it for another seven days. Today it might be appropriate to look at some of what is now going out under the McIntyre flag before examining what he intends to do about it.

I suspect that anybody who has read this column more than twice will have come across some faintly offensive refer-ence or other to the doings of religious broadcasting: it has religious broadcasting: it has always seemed to me that a department of that name should take at least an occasional interest in the practices and beliefs of people who, like the Christian Church, also see their religion as a container of the characteristics. their religion as a container of truth—if not unarguably the container, which has rather been the Christian view of things. The fact that large and increas-ing numbers of the adherents of these other faiths now live here and are British citizens, gives the point that much more weight: might it not aid the weight: hight it not and the somewhat sticky process of assimilation if we knew a little more of their religious ways? Perhaps it is a matter of time: I do not know exactly how long it is since Edward I's order of expulsion against the Jews became of no effect, but Judaism has occasionally had some attention on the air and indeed last Sunday the whole of the half hour from 7.30 went to The Night of Freedom, a pre-sentation and explanation of the sentation and explanation of the Seder ceremony which tonight, in observing Jewish homes begins the festival of Passover. Ann MacNamara had been admitted as a family guest to one such ceremony and she presented extracts from it interspersed with an interpretation of its symbolism. "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt" runs the text of the Haggadah and one must note the "we" although it is a tale of ancestors long dead; a roasted egg which is part of the ceremonial meal, signifies both renewing life and the toughening of the Jewish people by experience. Such detail—and there was plenty more—provokes ques-tion: is a roasted egg not also barren? The occasion as a whole conveys to us lackadaisi-cal Auglo-Saxons an impression cal Augio-Saxons an impression of intense and slightly forbidding dedication. Here, no doubt about it, is a manifestation of the spirit of those who see themselves as the people of God in a special sense; no wonder the state of Israel began and has and used. One comes

Successor to The Burkiss Way (which merked a sharp improvement in the standards of the comedy show) comes The
Enchanting World of Hinge and
Bracket. Dr Evadne Hinge and
Dame Hilda Bracket, two aging
operatic ladies, are the creations of George Logan and Patrick Fyffe. Dame Hilda and the opera connexion gave rise to hopes of a successor to the formidable Hilda Tablet, but no such luck. I find the whole affair intolerably arch, not enchanting in the very least.

Any series called The Better Half has got to be first cousin to Petticoat Line and when you open it with a team of speakers which includes Barbara Cartical land, you invite the suspicion that it IS Petticoat Line rethat it IS Petticoat Line renamed. I do not hope to say
anything that will modify the
Cartland persona: like St Pancras Station, there it is and you
just have to get on with it. In
fact, I find it quite enjoyable
to view the pinnacles and turrets of such a vast and Gothic
edifice of opinion rising out of
the often undifferentiated
landscape of radio chat. Its
presence is, however, absolutely
inimical to rational discourse inimical to rational discourse and that, as I have since disand mar, as I dave side dis-covered, is what The Better Half (a murrain on that title!) sets out to be. For the most part, it succeeds. Chaired by the superknowledgeable Irene Thomas and produced by Madeau Stewart, it is reminiscent of a girls only version of A Word in Edgeways. I hope no male egalitarian will be so unmannerly as to obtain an injunction against it for in-fringement of the Sex Discrim-ination Act.

Of all its current series, Vivat Of all its current series, Vivat Rex is the one which Radio 4 has told its listeners they should value most. I must say that its weekly offer of entertainment is one I am finding less and less difficult to refuse—and this owes little to the phoney Burton build-up which one simply has to try to set aside. In fact in the detail of the series, in the direction and acting, there is a great deal to ing, there is a great deal to admire. The difficulty is that, try as I may, I cannot see Vivat Rex as what I believe it is supposed to be: an integrated history of large philosophical compass. It remains obstinately bits of Marlowe, Shakespeare and Anon whose link is by nar-rative and chronology but not by conception. Now that we are firmly into Shakespeare country, I suppose there is a chance things will improve.

A one-off programme was
Eric Ewens's anniversary
memorial to Isaac Newton, Let
Newton Bc! It turned out a rather pedestrian piece and one which really did not offer a sufficient explanation of its subject's fame. This was one of radio's standard Biographies of the Control charge name and the Great; change name and detail and it will do for anyone. Of course it is difficult to ex-plain to lay listeners the birth and significance of revolution ary sciencific ideas, but it isn't, as one might conclude from this, impossible.

David Wade

Sunday

Half of Sir Lew Grade's six-hour epic Jesus of Nazareth (ITV 6.15) starring Robert Powell and directed by Zeffirelli is shown tonight, Jubilee (BBC 1 7.25) visits a 1953 street party, led by actress Georgina Hale and James Bond abounds-in the spoof 1967 film Casino Royale (BBC 1 2.0) and in Film 77 (BBC 1 11.25) with a clip from the yet to be seen The Spy Who Loved Me.—T.S.

9.00 am. Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30-9.45. Barnaby. 10.35, Zarabanda. 11.00, Wordpower. 11.25, Service. 12.10 pm. Having a Baby. 12.35. The 60 70 80 Show. 1.00, Farming 1,000: 1.30, Other People's Children, part 13: Food for Thought. 1.43, An ABC of Music. 1.55, News. 2.00, Film: Casho Royale. 4.05, Eugs Bunny. 4.10, Gospel Ruck. 5.00, Nicholas Nickleby.

On the Move. A Place Called Loppiano. N Pace Caled Loppiano.
Songs of Praise.
Play: Street Party, by Ted
Willis, with Georgina Hale,
Julian Holloway.
Film: The High and the
Mighty, with John Wayne,
Claire Trevor; Robert New-

Regional variation as SEC 1 except:

BBC WALES: 11.00-11.25 am, Salari to
Mexico. 2.00 pm, The F-attatic Journcy. 2.50, Ya Yr Ardd. 3.15-4.10.

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6.15. India: Tears in the Dost, 6.50
7.25. Dechrau Canu Dechrau Cannad.

11.25. Conferent Report 177. 11.26.

News. SCOTLAMD: 11.25 am- 12.10

pm. Signs of the Coming King. 6.15,
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7.40 am, Open University: Reading a Poem; 8.05, The Periodic Table; 8.30, Foundation Maths; 8.55, Transmission Lines; 9.20, Nutrition Feeding; 9.45, Geological Time; 10.10, Bundding of Florence Cathedral; 10.35, Coutrol in the Community; 11.00, The Venetian Twins 11.50, The OU v Private Life; 12.15 pm. Reading Development: 12.40. 11.50, The OU v Private Life; 12.15 pm. Reading Development; 12.40, Rich Law, Poor Law?; 1.05, Urban Education; 1.30, Nineteenth-century Coal. 1.55, World Table Tennis Championships. 5.05, Rugby Special: John Player Cup Semi-final: London Welsh v Gosforth. 6.05, BC: Part II.

6.35 News Review. 7.10 . The Light of Experience. 7.25 The World About Us: Aboriginal Art in Australia.

News. The Lively Arts: Whose Dr Table Tennis. Film: Un Carnet de Bal, with Marie Bell, Louis Jou-vet, Fernandel.*

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11.00, The Beach combers: The Investigator (r). 11.30, Be a Sport.
12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm,
Cartoon. 1.15, Tomfoolery. 1.45,
The Protectors. 2.15, The Big
Match. 3.15, Finn: Contraband
Spain, with Richard Greene,
Anouk Aimee. 4.35, Just William.
5.05, Edward the Seventh.
6.05 News. 6.95 News. 6.15 Film:

9.15 News. Doctor on the Co.

10.00 Film: Crucible of Terror. 11.45 The London Programme. 12.15 am, Close: Time Heath rends

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Fiction Lovingly constructed lives

SAUL BELLOW: From Penguin, The Victim (60p); The Adventures of Augie March, (£125); Seize the Pay (55p); umboldt's Gift (95p).

was fashionable in some undergraduate circles in the lighted States to argue that Saul Bellow's best novel was the first you ever read, whichthe first you ever read, which ever one that was. That was mo glib by far, suggesting that fellow lost the capacity to surprise after one introduction, but I must admit that my introduction, Henderson the Rain King, is the book I hold most valuable for its riotous invention, and unforgettable impacts.

The worlds Bellow invents are so distinctive, and appear so truthful, that the next book, despite familiar obsessions and aspirations, must contradict the first. Because he appears 10 write histories, not fiction, and the detailed strokes of specilicity suggest memory more than invention, he sometimes seems to provide alternative

His characters can coexist, His characters can coexist, however, in a world shaped by events larger than themselves: the Depression, Prohibition, the Second World War, the vagaries of the stock market; though his heroes keep sliping the lifelines of philosoping the prepares of philoso-them by books or evangelizing

of three novels just reprinted by Penguin, The Victim, published in 1947 and his second novel, is a domestic encapsulation of the persecunon of the Jews under Hitler. The Adventures of Augus March is a picaresque tale of a twentieth-century wandering Jew. Seize the Day chronicles a day in the breakdown of a man beaten by ambition and

The Victim's hero, Levenby an old acquaintance, a Jew-baiting alcoholic who bairing alcoholic who accuses Leventhal of ruining his life. Grieved at the death of a nephew, and guilt-obsessed, Leventhal gradually accepts the blame. As he is more and more victimized by the tramp who claims to be his victim, he slips towards a death horribly like the deaths of Auschwitz. masterful and chilling The Victim gave no bint of the lovingly constructed life of Augle March that was to

through big business and union radicalism to Mexico to train an eagle and be in love, to Canada to smuggle immigrants. It is a large, loving book free of guilt and free of rancour. The narrator is March and the parrative covers his life for as long as it has been lived. But, in many ways, the subject is not March, but those who influence him, who outfit him in new clothes or transplant him to make him over in their image. their image.

In Augie March, Bellow managed a comment on America and, indeed, the first of his "big" books, but the blurb on the back could dismay prospective readers:

may prospective readers:

From Saul Bellow here is another

BIG book: the rumbustious, largerthan-life adventures of Augie
March—spawned in Chica-o, tarpedoed from the Merchant Marine,
apprenticed to the "International
Set", ex-poker-player extraordinaire.

dinaire.

Seize the Day is barely a chapter of Augie March, but if new readers are not too put off by the blurb, they will find inside a vignette of some interest, a microscopic study of a man's collapse. Unlike the contradicting siren calls in the order novels. Seize the Day contradicting siren calls in the other novels, Seize the Day turns on a single illumination, the prophesying call by the stock-market cheat who loses Tommy Wilhelm's money, to seize the day", to belong—years before the humanistic psychologists abused the term out of recognition—in the here and now."

The book that preceded

"here and now".

The book that preceded Bellow's Nobel Prize, Humboldt's Gift, has a luminous power, a spiritual dimension, beyond any of the earlier story. beyond any of the earlier story telling. It is, in part, about the struggle of the prize-winning author Charlie Citrine to wake from the sleep of his life, to reconcile poetic preoccupations with the day-to-day world, to believe art and business, money and satisfaction. The women in and satisfaction. The women in his life, predators and saints, are primal forces to be met by sacrifice, hard-earned respect-ability is risked in a releptless flirtation with gangland. All events, all illuminations, are hinged on Chrine's first personal knowledge of a poet, his friendship with the doomed Von Humboldt Fleisher, and the legacy of that relationship year's after Humboldt's death.

Although granted a separate history by Bellow, Citrine is bound to the Chicago of Augie March. Decades separate their adventures, but the aging hero of Humboldt's Gift is March become author, still buffeted by the wills of others, but finding his way to contentment. Grace-ful. comic and thoughtful, the comic and thoughtful, the book contains multitudes.

Ned Chaillet.

Indeed goodness

Inspector Maigret shouting: "Follow that car yellow?" How Green Was My Valley (90p); Up, Into the Siveley Meantain (75p); Down Where the Moon is Small (£1); Green, Green My Valley Now Well, Duw, indeed to goodness,

look you, here are four books, thick, down by here; and stuffed like a French force-fed goose I am feeling, and full of amaze, from the reading of them too quick perhaps, now then: How Green Was My Vallep—and the three book-ons it seeded—four big saga puddings, all aborat with hokum sentences convolute (Duw, Richard Liewellyn do write his English funny, isn't it?), but all popular mind, fair play; sold like tons of coal indeed; and the writing of the fourth one subsidized by the Welsh Arts Council: well, there

is lovely. Halleluyah, Amen.
Mr. Llewellyn's prose is singular, but I know I sm probably in a minority in finding it irritating. It comes betrying to tell. It tries to reproduce, in a lyrical manner, a

ELIZABETH **OF GLAMIS** DAVID DUFF

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Amagnificent biography of the Queen Mother

MARNUM Paperbacks for discerning Gynt, or a bit of a male Moll Flavders, March takes any offer, and travels by turn through big business and union

Welsh way of speaking, with fragments of Welsh-language speech patterns in an attempt to add suthenticity. But it ends up being complex, often ram-bling, sometimes ludicrous and certainly not authentic. You . Buchan understood this sys-HGWMV, saying: "There is white is her neck with her", any more than you could have

There are distinctive Welsh There are distinctive Welsh speech patterns, and they are charming. People do say "There's lovely" and "Down b'yere". But, as Mr Llewellyn demonstrates, they are not easy to reproduce in print, especially in narrative, and when he gets them right be often makes them stilled. But he left Wales long ago, as a he left Wales long ago, as a boy; so that he stitches his tender boyhood memories to an imagined Wales, to cliches of singing miners and girls in national costume.

His canvas in the Green Valley volumes is large: four books chronicle the adventures, trials and loves of Huw Morgan in South Wales, in South America, and in Wales

The best of them is the first. HGWMV, published in 1939, is a soap opera with heaps of sentimental suds (and nothing sentimental suds (and noming wrong with that), an everyday story of mining folk, compassionate, detailed, sincere and absorbing, as a good saga should be. It expresses concern for an oppressed society and its culture, and expresses, too, ahead of its time, an anger at the scarring of the valleys, and they of the shifting mountains fear of the shifting mountains of coal waste, that was to be justified, years later, at Aber-

The sequels, Up, Into The

put back in the streams: a much changed physical landscape, and social one, too. He meets the new nationalism, meets the new nationalism, striking miners, the IRA, and—oh, dear—girls dressed in national costume. The valley is not only greener, but, in the modern fashion, a faint shade bluer: the lyrical loving among the daffs on the mountainside in HGWMV is now augmented by the ping of brastraps, and a four-letter word that Mama and Dada would that Mama and Dada would not have liked. Leaving aside the matter of the uneasy prose, it is but a shadow of HGWMV. It does not have the benefit of tender childhood rememtender childhood remembrance, nor the same passion and sincerity; a bit of a newscurring job, really, that keeps a most popular por boiling. How the valley has changed, and how long Huw Morgan and Mr Llewellyn have been away.

Trevor Fishlock

Ambiguity and uncertainty

LAURENS VAN DER POST: from Penguin, The Hunter and The Whale (80p); Flamingo Feather (75p); The Seed and the Sower (70p).

" John Buchan with preten-sions" was the disdainful com ment of a colleague on observ ing these books on my desk. I know just what he mean. There is something in Laurens Van Der Post's writing which van het Fost's wining which seems to compel popular newspaper reviewers to unload the repertoire of cliché. To have one's work hailed as a "ranting good yarn" may be very good for sales; but I doubt if it is good for the soul of a serious novelier. serious novelist.

It is true that Mr Van Der Post possesses Buchan's talent for retailing gripping tales of adventure, of barely-credible degrees of human endurance and courage in the face of overwhelming odds. Like Buchan, he also seems to stand for virtues like maniness, bravery, honesty which are nowa-days considered to be out of fashion, if not downright absurd.

Both seem preoccupied with what one might call the metawhat one might call the meta-physical overtones of physical courage. They appear to share the belief that the successful confrontation of danger yields dividends—in terms of insight into eternal verities—which are inaccessible to lesser, more cowardly, mortals. Early in The Hunter oid The Whale. Van Der Post expresses this belief very clearly: belief very clearly:

belief very clearly:
those of us who encounter life
beyond the fortifications of tooms
and civilization, who still climb
mountains and experience their
fall of cliff and avalanche, who
till the land and endure the inconstancies of rain and harvest
or sail the seas to hant for
whales, enter an uncircumscribed
area of existence where all our
brightest knowledge and despest
experience often fall and what is
despised as foolish superstian
becomes the best available answer
to the onslaught of the great unknown in the mind and life of
man.

Splendid Scott of the Antarctic storf this, and rather what one might expect from a men who has done his share of honourable soldiering and exploring.
At worst, it can be bresome—
particularly when it results in
the novelist investing virtually
every glance, chance every glance, chance encounter, sunset even, with

encounter, sunset even, with some arcane significance. At best, it is merely a source of irritating distractions from the driving urgency of his narrative. Either way, it is an authentic voice from a colonial past which was uniquely British, almost exclusively masculine and sustained by a system. line and sustained by a system of values and mores which in retrospect, seems surprisingly fragile, considering the weight of custom and practice which it once supported.

tem; indeed he and his kind perpetuated it. Yet I think my colleague, in comparing Van colleague, in comparing van Der Post to Buchan, was unfair to Van Der Post. His characters—well, the males anyway—are three-dimensional, not cardboard figures as Buchan's were. The central characters of the novels Flaming Feather and The Hunter and the While are beautifully and the Whale are beautifully drawn, rich in human ambiguity and uncertainty, despite their overtly resolute their overtly resolute appearance. This is particularly evident in the attitude to Black Africa which emerges from both books—understand-ing and sympathetic after the fashion now decried as white liberal", yet no less admirable

The civilized instincts of Mr Van Der Post's heroes are the van her rosts heroes are the product of an inner self-confidence which is often indistinguishable from sheer cussedness. The Seed and the Sower; for example, a collection of stories about life in a Japanese POW camp, is full of confrontations between such men and their fanatical captures; immovable objects versus irresistible forces. These stories are well constructed but, to me, strangely unconvincing—partly because they bring back memories of Alec Guinness in his River Kwai role and partly because the author, invests them with a portentous significant ways and the state of t

cance not much to my saste. Of the novels, I prefer Fla-mingo Feather—a marvellous story about how a rich white South African single-handedly single-kandedly single-kandedly and rost is a much battered and nostalgic Huw who returns to Wales in Green, Green My Valley Now (1975), end finds the scars being patched, the coal tips being flattened, and trout put back in the streams: a much changed physical large and society.

Solve the stream of the coal and trout put back in the streams: a much changed physical large and society. of his choice will not, I sup-pose, find much favour nowa-days, but within the context of the book is given a cervain coherence by the hero's con-cern that people whom he loves and respects should not be dehumanized into pawns in anyone's power struggle.

This concern is also evident in The Hunter and the Whale, in The Hunter and the Whale, though to a lesser degree. And it is set against the very different background of professional whaling off the South African coast. The book is, in a way, a kind of latterday Moby Dick—a story of a whaler captain and his maniacal craving to kill a giant sperm whale. He succeeds of course. whale. He succeeds, of course, but loses his own life in the process—an eventuality which is right in line with Van Der Post's old-fashioned sense of the fitness of things. After all, the important thing under the code was not so much winning, as playing the game. In those circumstances, one-all was the

only honourable result.



Son and Lovers. The essential William as portrayed by Thomas Henry who was born at Eastwood, Notts., just across the street from D. H. Lawrence.

William martyr

RICHMAL CROMPTON: Just William; William's Crowded Hours: William's Happy Days; William the Bad; William the Bold William the Detective. (Collins/Armada, 45p each).

margins of "children's literature" and fittingly, has bis back to the whole business as well. Even in the days of his transcendant popularity the establishment looked on him with about as much favour as Robert or Ethel when he obtruded upon their amours, or as Mrs De Vere Carter when he turned up, underdurets, at the Band of Hope meeting. The emergent powers of children's librarianship regarded his chronicles as "low-brow" and "not particulated." larly edifying production "; Fulham Public Library would not reserve William books free; and one of the only his-torians of the period—Alarcus Crouch in Treasure Seekers and Borrowers—relegates him to a brief, imindexed para-

graph.

Naturally, it is typical of these grown-ups that they "jus' don' unperstand " (probally because 'meyve used up all their brains over Latin so' hist'ry an' suchlike when they were at 'achool''). The triple equation which Frank Ryre makes Richnal Crompton= Enid Blyton=Capt W. E. Johns, is based only upon the mathematics of sales figures and takes no account of the variable talents which these authors brought to their works and while the likeness may be further defended on the grounds that each writer dealt in stereotyped characters and story-patterns, repetitive story-patterns, beyond that point the William stories shift into a category of their own. At their most typical ("The Best Laid Plans" in Just William, say, or "William, say, or "Wi Just William, say, or "William the Conspirator" in Wil-

ham me Conspirator in wir-ham—the Detective) they show Miss Crompton's gift for naive farce in sharp contrast to the thoughtless clickes of the true "low-brow" author. On such

Brian Alderson

Guru for a generation

The Doors of Perception and Heaven and Hell, by Aldous Huxley (Panther, 60p)

It seems a long time since the "acid revolution" was part of "acid revolution" was part of the cultural scene. Now and then a "golden oldie" jerks the memory—Procul Harum's Whiter Shade: of Pale or per-haps the Beatles' Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds (remember how we told our friends about the significance of the initials) —and here and there a few and here and there a few aging hippies still defiantly survive among tinkling bells and incense in crazy technicolour rooms. But those huge promises of consciousness expausion, of the subversion of capitalism (just a few tabs in the water supply) have simply disappeared from view, swamped by less pretentious, less explicitly ideological, cultural fashions.

Aldous Huxley, was, of course, right in there at the beginning of it all. This account of his mescaline experience was to become an essential part of the "trippers" cultural baggage —an imprimator for drug use from an intellectual turned antiintellectual, a writer of fiction intellectual, a writer of technical turned prophet. Some detected (and deplored) its potential influence at the time of publication. Thomas Mann, for example, denounced the account as "completely irresponsible", ir could only "comribute to the superaction of the world and its mability to meet the deadly serious questions of the time with intelligence ".

But how sober, anstere, and almost clinical this report now John Naughton

occasions to equate Richmal Crompton with Enid Blyton is like lumping together P. G. Wodebouse and Barbara Cart-

land.

The recent arrival of William on television has naturally prompted a new assessment of this 11-year-old from the 1920s and Collins/Armada's reissue of six books in paperback dating from 1922 to 1958 will enable nostalgic adults and their offspring (or edults and their offspring (or even their great-offspring) to check the validity of the case for William Brown—even though he be causing mayhem in the vicarese shrubbery while the examination is under

Way.
Working with Richmal Crompton's niece, the publishers have edited the stories lightly for the 1970s and abridged most of the books by desputing individual entries. dropping individual stories entire. The textual changes, so entre. The textual changes, so far as I have checked, go little beyond altering words like picture play." To "film." or tactfully noting that a shilling would get you sixpennorth of Gooseberry Eyes and a seat at the Picture Palace "at the current cost of living", and, as such, they do little harm to rent cost of living, and, as such, they do little harm to their originals. It is not quite so easy to excuse some of the other decisions ("William and the Band of Hope", for instance, has gone—even though it showed Miss Crompton at her satirical best, taking the child's part against over-earnest, reforming adults; on the other hand "William and the Nasties" remains as a challenge to those who believe that jokes about the German perecution of the Jews are still in a very special category of bad Thomas Henry's indispensable illustrations haphazardly retained—the earlier ones, with some justification, onlited, the later ones erratically

As for William himself As for Waliam timesing though, he survives his revival as honourably as anyone could with socks round their ankles and soot in their hair. While it is true that a certain amount of malice, and a little weariness, have crept into the later books, the archetypal figure stands firm—not the destructive hooligan that has approximate home painted but sometimes been painted, but the ever well-meaning, evermisunderstood martyr to the dogmas of an alien tribe.

from Leary's specalyptic ser-mons. Few people ever took hallocinogens with such scientific precision, such rational intentions as Huxley: "Thus it came about that, one bright May morning, I swallowed fourtenths of a gramme of mesca-line dissolved in half a glass of water and sat down to wait for. the results ".

And although there's a bit of chatter about "Not-Self and Otherness", for much of the time Huxley is simply chronicling his reactions to a variety of stimuli—music, flowers, land-matter and simply chronic flowers. scapes, paintings—presented for inspection by a helpful guide. Introspection is unterly rejected, the only point of taking the substance is to reinstate the substance is to reinstate the significance of nature by exploding those perceptual categories which routinely reuder it orderly, differentiated, and sober. Nobody is urged to take the substance. Huxley interely suggests that it might be better for us than alcohol or vicotine, that it might occasionally be used as a reminder of a nonused as a reminder of a non-verbal world, as an escape from the intolerable burden of self-

consciousness. However, the careful rational-ism of Huxley's description and proposal is unlikely ever to secure the removal of this book from the shelves devoted to the hippie revolution. The movement needed a guru—and Hux-ley was standing there with a glass of water and half a gramme of mescaline: quite enough to secure the job. Actually, he had one other unknown qualification. His biographer, Sybille Bedford, tells us that the section of this book

devoted to a description of his gray flamel trousers was mis-leading. Huxley only introduced

those flanuel trousers because

he was ashamed of what he'd

retually been wearing a pair of faded blue jeans.

Laurie Taylor

Salt of the

Life As We Have Known It, by Cooperative Working Women. Edited by Margaret Llewelyu Davies, new introduction by Anna Davin (Virago, £1.25).

It was Leonard Woolf not his wife who once described Margaret Liewelyn Davies (their friend and Founder of the friend and Founder of the Women's Cooperative Guild) as "one of those bores who are the salt of the earth" but Virginia undoubtedly shared his ambivalent regard for this worthy woman. When, in 1930, Margaret Liewelya Davies asked her for a preface to this collection of Guild members' reminiscences, she received the infty rejoinder that a book of any worth could stand without a buttress.

Virginia Woolf was really using a literary objection to conceal (as she virtually admits in the preface she finally wrote), the deep discom-fort that working class women—or middle class women or middle class women who fought on their behalf—stirred in her. Her benuti — stirred in her. Her feminist sympathy was genuine but intellectual. The practical needs of Guild women were dictated by a life of penury and child-rearing so foreign to her she was unable to feel any imaginative identification with them and chart of thirty them. them and shame (I think) that she could not, made her retreat from public involvement although she did in fact preside over Guild meetings in her Richmond home between 1916 and 1920; a duty she gave up "thankfully". thankfully ".

That she finally succumbed to the blandishments of her friend says something for the personality of Margaret Llewalyn Davies. But it says more for the collective power of these testimonies. For the kind of lives Virginia Woolf felt so alien were simply and unaffec-tedly opened to her on the

She entered the experience of Mrs Burrows, who, at the age of eight, was the oldest in a gang of children put to work 14 hours a day in the fendand fields followed "by an old man carrying a long whip in his hand which he did not forget to nea" Here she met Mrs I auton use." Here she met Mrs Lavton whose girthood in Bethnal Green was filled with such a yearning for the country-side that one day she slipped out with her baby brother in her arms wolking all the way to a proper forces and whose letters. Epping Forest and when, later, she saw the real countryside, the delight of her life was " to watch the larks rise up out of the cornfield singing as if their throats would burst." Mrs

Smyth, a miner's wife, yearned for a copper in which to wash her husband's clothes each night instead of boiling them over the living room fire. No wonder so scalded to death in Wales" she wrote.

Virginia Woolf had aiready encountered the formidable purple presence of Miss Harriet Kidd, secretary to the Guild. In these pages she learned that Harriet was origi-home ... ostensibly to take a parcel of books, but really with a very different object ... before he would allow me to leave he forced me to yield to him. At 18 I was a mother ".

Yet these are strangely uncomplaining women. Hunger, sickness and frightful working sickness and frightful working conditions are recalled with more vigour than bitterness. For many of them it is plain the Guild was the source of their endurance. "Eh, the dear old Guild", sighed Miss Kidd on her death bed, "it has been and friend to me"

a good friend to me ". I congratulate the Virago Press on republishing this book. It has all the inspiration-al quality Virginia Woolf found in it nearly 40 years ago.

Jacky Gillott

In brief

sources there is F. Scott Fitz-gerald's The Last Tycoon (Penguin, 60p) now, it says hope-fully "a mejor film.". This was Fitzgerald's last, unfinished novel, in some eyes his best, in novel, an some eyes his best, in mine almost his worst—demonstrating how much refining and rewriting his books must have needed to produce, say The Great Gausby. Ernest Hemingway, his old friend and sparring partner, is also the subject of much reminiscence. You have best work one should turn to his early years: For Whom the Bell Tolls (Panther, 90p) was inspired by his experiences in the Spanish Civil War, and A Farewell to Arms (Panther, 75p) from his time with the ambulance service in the 1914-18 War. Ragtime, by E. L. Doctorow (Pan, 75p) is a puzzle, A historical novel set in New York in the early years of the century, it brings in a family referred to only as Father, Mother, Mother's Younger Brother, The Little Boy and so on, which put my teeth on edge: added to that, Harry K. Thew, Evelyn Nesbit, Houdins, Konna Goldman, the Socialist, in a style which favours four word sentences and you have a best selling and you have a best selling novel which you love or hate.

The rascal abroad

The Golden Ass, by Lucius Apuleius, translated by Robert Graves (Penguin Classics, 80p)

Over the past generation this Over the past generation this golden romance of the second century AD has become more of a classic in Graves's colloquial and stylish English than it ever was in its original stifish, not golden but silver Latin. The original, parodying the extravagant language of the extravagant language of fairground story-tellers introducing their contemporary versions of "The Good Old Days", was always popular with malevolent setters of scholarship unseens. with malevolent setters of scholarship unseens and adolescents, who were entertained and excited by the sexy bits. But it was recondice and odd, even in Bohn's crib.

The story of Lucius, translated into a doukey by witchcraft, suffering grotesque and familial Edwardures, and even-

craft, suffering grotesque and farcical adventures, and eventually finding his humanity and salvation in the White Goddess, whose service is perfect freedom, was perfectly suited to Robert Graves's talents and obsessions. In his translation this, one of the first novels, reads as free and easily as if it was written yesterday. It is the first episodic picaresque novel of the rascal abroad, a clear forerunner of Rabelais and Sterne. Returning Rabelsis and Sterne. Returning from a digression on his hobby-horse Sterne could easily have written: "It seems almost impossible that I have

got here so essily, not on horseback but towed along by my ears". He probably did. The scene at the mill comes straight out of one of the bawdy Canterbary Tales. The enough priests of the Great Goddess are dead ringers for their modern descendants.

their modern descendants, changing "Hare Krishna" down Oxford Street. own Oxford Street.

The long interpolated romance of Cupid and Psycac is a delightful and witty winnsy about the Cods took could have been written by Sylvie Krin herself.

The general theme of the novel, so far us it boasts such pretentious cargo, is religious and elicist, not to say snobbis. Only the upper classes can be saved. Baseness and social deprivation are unficiely. By defining the control of the control of the control of the control of the careful o luck is catching. So do not moddle with the supernatural, or you may end up a donkey.

A nobleman should satisfy his
spiritual needs by being ininated into a respectable mystery cult, the modern equivalent being the Church of England, though Apuleius is satiri-cally anti-Christian on snobbish

avarice satirized are entirely modern, even though the characters and scenes are ancient Greek. Most trenslarions, even by such creative translators as Graves, are second best to their originals. This is one of the very few classics (reprinted now for the tenth time) that has been im-proved by translation. It has enrolled Lucius the donkey in the happy procession laughter-makers for all ages.

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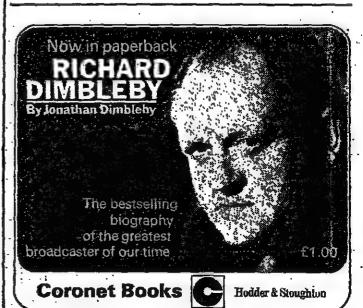
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If you can never have too. But, and this is quite a big much of a good thing, then the but, an examination of the present situation as regards the games reveals that Karpov's playing and holding of great triumphs, striking though then games reveas that harpoy's triumphs, striking though they are numerically, are much inferior in quality to Alekhine's. All too often he gets himself into a bad position from which he artificate himself with it. chess events must gratify all lovers of chess. There does indeed exist a sort of welcome embarrassment for us chess journalists in that it has become he extricates himself with, it is true, quite an amazing resource fulness. The results are there, impossible to deal with the multiplicity of tournaments and but there remains the suspicion that had he been opposed by Fischer he would not have been allowed to survive from matches to any adequate de-gree. The day would require more than 24 hours and the week more than seven days to some of the desperate situations relate the doings at the Candidates matches, the progress of the various great tournaments that we have had and are havinto which he seems to get quite early on in the game. Six of the Lauterberg coning this year, and the possibi-lities of such outstanding events as the European Team tournament finals in Moscow testants are playing in Geneva—Timman, Sosouka

Olafsson, Liberson, Andersson and Toire, At one time both Korchnol and Spassky were expected as participators; but the duration of their matches has overlapped this tournament. One great tournament finished a week ago at Bad Lauterberg, near Hanover in ment Another player who would of course, have graced the West Germany, and I am writ-ing these lines in Geneva, where tournament was the world champion himself; but it was an equally strong tournament is in progress for the first time in this beautiful city at the Hotel Mediterannée some 200 metres from the shores of Lake champion names; out a was resided that no Soviet player would have dared to play, or been allowed to play, in an event which included the

emigre Korchnoi. The adjourned games from I may have been too severe the second round have just finished. In the one, the Dunch in my appreciation of Karpov's style of play. One should take finished. In the one, the Dutch grandmaster Timman has lost to the Israeli (formerly Sovict) international master, Dzindzichashvili, and in the other the Swedish grandmaster. Uff Andersson, has besten the Filipino, Eugenio Torra, the first Asian player to obtain the grandmaster title. For the record, let me state here that (Dzindzichashvili is exactly how into account the great virtue of his effective nurturing of a of his effective numbers of small edvantage into a great one with a relentless and everincreasing pressure that eventually desiroys all opposi-tion. A good example is the following game from Bad Lauterberg White Karpov Black Wocken-fuss Q.P. Nimsowitsch Defence. Dzindzichashvili is exactly how he himself writes his name, which is Georgian and has been spelt many different ways since he first came on the chess

1 P-Q84 KI-KS5 4 B-KI5 B-KI5 & F-KI5 B-KI5 & A varient of the Nimzowitsch Defence has arisen in which Black's position is by no means

scene.
Oddly snough, Andersson's record so far in the cournament has been one loss (to Pachman) and one win, today. He has already won a game more than he did at Bad Lauterberg where his score of 7 points was made inferior. 6 Barkt Ord 9 0-0 P-OKES 7 P-KS O-0 After 9 ..., Bakt; 10 Pag. P-OKt4; 11 P-OR4, P-B3; 12 Kt-K5, B-Kt2; 13 P-B4, Black's up of 14 draws and 1 loss out of 15 games. Somehow or other he has got his priorities mixed game is difficult to defend or to develop. since in the German tournament 10 R-B1 E-K12 11 KI-QKIS P-RE non-prizewinners were paid in accordance with the games they 12 KtxP, R-R2 leaves the Kt won, whereas here there are prizes for everyone, and gener-ous ones, ranging from \$3,000 with no return route, eg 13 RxP, B-Q3; 14 P-Q5, R-B1 and the piece is lost.

for the first prize to \$300 for the fourteenth and last player. 13 RxB RxP 14 RxP B-B5 Better is 14 ..., R-R3; 15 R-Kt3, BxB; 16 QxB, Kt-R3; 17 R-B3, P-K4 and Black has Quite a number of players in the Goneva tournament were also playing in the Bad Laurer-berg tournament. This was won by Karpov with the fine score of 12 points, followed by Timman 10, Furman 9, Sosonko 82, Olafsson, Liberson, Csom and Hubner 8 (apparently so graded in accordance with the Songeequalised. 15 R-Kt1 Kt-02 15 R-84 Bakt White has obtained strong

pressure on the white squares; if now 17 ..., PxP; 18 RxP, R-Q1; 19 Q-B1, followed by Q-B6 with a positionally won in accordance with the Sonne-born-Berger System by the organizers), Gligoric and Miles 7]. Keene and Andersson 7, Torre 62. Hermann 5, Gerusel 44 and Wockenfuss 34. 17 ... P-B.1 20 PERP KixP 18 C-Kis R-G+ 21 Q-B2 19 R-Q1 P-R4 It is interesting to observe The last three are German players and represent the weak how now and later all white's attack is carried out on the point in the tournament, even though Wockenfuss is the present West German champion,

a result which he achieved in the absence of all the leading German players. Still, the re-maining 13 players were all grandmasters and the presence of the world champion Karpov 21 ... £1-K3 25 R-B6 R-Q1 22 P-QKt4 R-R2 24 P-R3 not want to allow Black

21 028 P-0k14 18 025P K1-K14 25 0-08 Q-68 29 B-K14 R-K1-K14 Again one must admire the Hoping for 30 OxR, KrxP ch winning the Ouesn; the move is, however, a mistake in what is, in any case, a lost position.

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can be caused when one until spouse, usually but not always the wife, becomes enthralled by flower arranging. The most ingenious flower arrangements, and those most likely to wm prizes at shows, usually consist at least in part of the more unusual flowers, foliage or fruits, or even back or seed heads, which are seldom seen in the stops. These you have to grow. So the temptation to gradually full the garden with plants to provide "material" for arrangements is strong, and too often the garden suffers aesthetically.

But this need not necessarily happen. On the principle that if you can't best 'em, join 'em", the non-flower-arranging spouse could enter into the spirit of the game and jointly the spouses could plan a garden that is both lovely to look at and productive of material for the floral confections. One must, of course, add the proviso that a certain amount of restraint is needed with the cutting of trees and shrubs for flowers or feliage.

All gardens need some evergreen trees or shrubs. These may be chosen to furnish the gorden with green, gold or variegated foliage to cheer up the barren winter scene, to provide cut foliage throughout the year, or to act as a foil for the colonyful summer flowers.

Many strubs, such as l'iburnum farreri. flowering curren.s, fixsythias and heathers positively prosper by being carefully and sensibly used to provide cutting meterial. In effect this is a form of pruning works encourages the production of generous quentities of flowering side shoots.

Some shrubs like forsythias. and trees like almond and ornamental cherries, are also valuable because branches may be cut in bud in January and brought indoors to open their flowers in the dark days when cur flowers are fiendishly carensive in the shops.

More flawering shrubsphus or mock orange, climbers worked into the rotational prolike clamatis and honeysuckle, gramme, it makes it much and many more, are lovely in existr to achieve a sensible the garden and superb in a rotetion. bowi or vase. Then many have ornamental fruits or colourful autumn folizge—again, charm-ing in the gardan or indoors. Where space is limited it pays to give considerable thought to the choice of these trees or shrubs that could give two, or sometimes three dividends.

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Apart from the depths of when there is little enough to cull from the garden, I think the period liarch to early June is one when flowers are expensive. and unless we have deliberately planted for this period there is not likely to be all that much to cut in the

Obviously daffodils and fulips, polyanthus, wallflowers, doronicums, white, green or not appeal to you, maybe this rose hellebores rarieties of channing links rose will. helleborus niger, H. corsicus or H orientalis, to be followed by sweet williams and Dutch irises will take us through to mid June. By then in the southern half of the country at the coun least, paeonies, irises, del-phiniums, lupins, campanulas, pyrethrums, roses and sweet Ltd., The peas will be coming along. Numerous After that the whole range of OX9 9PY.

summer flowers keep us going until Japanese anemones, accountes. Nerine bowdenii, dablias and michoelmas daisies bring autumn to a close.

Then if one has clumps of snowdrops or crocuses in the garden it is a splendid idea to dig some up when the flowers are just visible, and por them up and bring them indoors.

After they have finished flowering the hulbs are separated and planted engly, and in this way, after a few years, the stock of builds in the garden is greatly increased. One should, of course, lift and divide these smull bushs in spring after flowering if it is desired to propagate them, but most of us have far too much to do in spring to bother about kitting and dividing bulbs. The result is that we have numbers of congested clumps instead of. much karger diles of spring bulbons flowers.

Of course, where there is room an area of ground may be set aside as a "cutting garden". In the old days of large houses and large gardens, the cutting garden was situated right near the Litthen quarters where the lady of the house could slip out and gather flowers as she needed them.

Today we tend to plant our cutting flowers in part of the vegetable patch. Therefixe may vegetable petch. Therefixe may have such permanent plants as paeonies, deflodils, hybrid Darwin tulips which will flourish for years of properly fed, pyretheums, Scabiosa caucasica, and such everlasting flowers as statice and the Clainese lantern flowers Physalis franchetii. There could be some ornamental

Also in the vegetable parch! we can have some cut flower plants that can be worked into the crop rotation programme of the vegerables. Inis can be very vseful because in a garden of modest size is not always easy to work a three year rotation with a limited number of regetable crops. The idea of rothing crops is to ensure that the same crop is not grown on the same ground more often than once every three years. This is to reduce the incidence of pests and

diseases on particular crops.

If curring flowers like gladoli, dobiias, outdoor chrysanthemums, sweet peas and such annuals as larkspurs, African lises, shrub roses, philadel medacids and chers see

> are, of course, There hundred of plants to grow for the dual purpose of gardon decoration and of thowar arranging. Their choice and their placing in the beds or hunders would a mone thought then if their effect in the garden is the only consideration, but it is an interest-

ing and rewarding exercise.

The charming cherry red miniature rose raised by Sam McGredy, very free flowering, and growing about a foot high, named Royal Salute, is being marketed this year by John Matrock Ltd. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Queen's Silvor Jubilee Appeal. So if other types of memorabi-kia to mark this occusion do

It looks equally at home in the front of a rose bed, in a tub or other container on a patio or serrace. Plants may be ordered for delivery soon or in the autumn, price £1.25 each del- plus 50p a parcel for postage; iulas, and packing, from J. Mattock west Ltd., The Rose Nurseries, long Nunchem Courtenay, Oxford

Jobs for April

lizer.

most of us is to catch up on the jobs we did not do in March because the ground was too wer. We have not even finished scarifying our bits of lawn with the motorized rake because they are so wet.

However, it is a job to be done four weeks later.

If worms are troublesome, apply a worm killer; if you do ot care to do this be sure to sweep off worm casts regularly so that they are not squashed

Apply a selective weedkiller if necessary at the end of the month.

Apply Herbon Garden Herbi-cide to clean ground to keep it clear of seedling weeds.

Sow hardy annuals outdoors. Sow in a greenhouse half hardy annuals.

making sure there are 6in of

This year the programme for soil over both the dahlias and most of us is to catch up on the gladioli. Finish proming the roses, and cutting down and tidying up heds or borders of hardy flowers. Apply a suitable ferti-

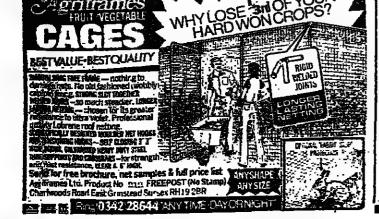
Prune forsythias and winter flawering jasmine. moss killer and the first appli-cation of a spring fertilizer if clumps of herbaceous plants not already done. The second application should be put on pies, veronicas or others that nes, veroneas or others mat may tend to flop about. Do this in good time, before there is any danger of a storm knocking them down.

Watch carefully for caterpillars and other pests— examine the underside of leaves of roses, currants and other plants you know may be affected by pests, and apply an appropriate spray. If blackspot and mildew on roses or other discases have been troublesome the past, spray with a suitable fungicide every 10 days. Sow peas, broad beans, let-

tuces, radishes, onions, root, carrots, in the open. Sow marrows, runner beans and sweet corn in pots under 2]388

Plant gladioli and, at the end of the month, dahlia tubers,

Prick off seedlings sown ear-Plant potatoes. Roy Hay



Travel

Caribbean charm in the Atlantic

My friend and colleague was About 70 per cent of the sitting by the bar with a yellow national income comes from it food.

bird—a drink not an animal or and the Government is at pains Dr bird—a drink pot an animal or a person—in his hand. He was offering four one-acre lots on Green Turtle Cay in exchange for 10 acres of Current Club on Eluthera. American tourists were listening to him mesmer-ized. Of course, he had no lots for sale, but the Babamas gets
you like that, and by the end
of his sales pitch we were all
—including him—half, convinced that he did have them.

The difference in the size of plots was appropriate; the tiny area of Green Turtle Cay was most attractive with its duckboard houses and its friendly, rather say inhabitants. It is only when you visit these small settlements that you realize that in addition to the black majority in the population there are many whites whose ancestors may have come to the Bahamas as long ago as the first Elizabethan age, though most of them are loyalists who fled the United States more than 200 years ago at the time of the War of ladependence. Current, although it, too, has a small old settlement, is more sprawling and less characteris-tic of traditional Bahamas outislands life.

For most people the Bahamas is Nassau, but those who do not visit at least one of the many hundreds of our islands of the archipelago are missing a great deal. Their holiday attractions are as abundant as the gloriously coloured fish which can be seen if you go snorkling on the reefs surrounding many of the islands.

Nassau offers smart hotels, nightclubs, a casino. The outis ands, on the other hand; though, offering excellent hotel accommodation, tend to concentrute on golf and water activities.

On this visit I did not do many of the things I could have done: I did not parasall (that's being towed behind a sneed-boat fastened to a parachute), wind sail (with a sail poised on what looks like a surrboard), swim under water with an aqualung, play golf, gamble in the casino, play tannis, go deep-sea fishing, water-ski.

The attractions of the Buhamas are immense. After all, the Bahamas is tourism.

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and the Government is at pains to improve and increase the facilities available. For golfers there are many excellent courses, not only in Nassau but also in the out-islands, where they are usually attached to an hotel "club". My golfing colleagues found the courses as palates—and several varieties or excellent as I found the vater. excellent as I found the water

But the prospective British tourist should note that accommodation and food in the Bahamas are completely geared to American tastes. Menu descriptions can disguise good wholesome food, and some combinations are rather unusual, not to say odd, "Surf and Turf", or "Hoof and Claw", steak accompanied by a huge bright and there is little rain. piece of lobster. Other things will come "fresh from the sparkling waters" "honey-scented", "home baked" or whatever—they are all disguises when the backed the summer wearing. arrives on one plate as a fillet

Drinks, too, have elaborate

and several varieties or

For people thinking of a Caribbean holiday, I would strongly recommend the Bahamas as a first trip. It is not, of course, actually in the Caribbean but in the Atlantic, though the atmosphere is similar. The Bahamas climate is better than many places in the Caribbean—
it is rather cooler and drier.
The time to go is in the winter,
when the days are clear and

rum and other spirits.

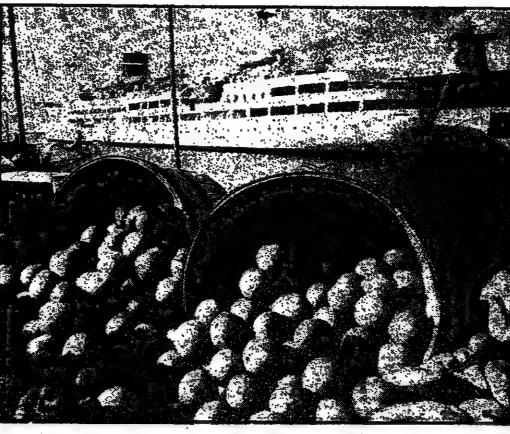
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If you react badly to insect bites, do not forget barrier cream and consider taking a mild anti-histamine pill. This belps to keep down the reaction though it may make you feel a little dozy. You may feel dozy anyway. The climate is most

How to get there: British Airways London Nassau-Apex return (must be booked and paid for two months before) for 14 to 45 days, £206.50 in the low season rising to £238.50 in the high. A 22-45 day excursion is £342 to £383.50; Ordinary economy return, £447 to £520. British

Airways Sovereign package tours start at £365 for 14 days in a private house or £495 at the Nassau Beach botel in the low season, rising to £425 and £54 respectively at the peak of the high season.

Margaret Allen



Bridge

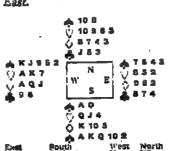
Lost opportunities

suitable hand; he thought that easy to see the importance early take his winning \$3 with the lie was too strong for a natural in the game of discarding a \$Q. South runs his clubs and discards if he is seeking to present the contract of Three No Trumps Ease. Whenever a player has bid without a relek in his hand he is more rably blamed be had parmer after the dozence has nuscarried. One of my late partners whose instinct was to the double and was not, in consequence, allowed to play batter than his technique, used to say when he had raised me ou next-to-nothing and his hand went down, for all to see, I"Don't forget that I was under the ignal in Four No Tructus which was cold for 10 tricks. West's opening lead of the \$9 was superior to the lead of the \$4 because it might have pressure". That was how I learnt how to visualize the

been important for East to know his partner's highest card in the suit East won with kind of strength in the oppon-ents' hands by allowing for my partner to have nothing more the OO and, without stooping to reflect, tried to cash the QA.
There was now no defence:
South ruffed, led the &Q and than trump support. There is no excuse for falling to use the information given by your partner even if he has raised with a yarborough or discarded two losing hearts on raised with a yarborough or signalled without an honour in your suit. East had an opportunity to stow his brilliance after winning the first trick, but he could not picture the hidden hands. dummy's clubs after he had driven out the AA. If East had refused to win the AA, declarer would obtain a heart ruff in

cordd have deduced from the bidding that declarer must have a singleton diamond and he needed to weigh carefully the choice between the lead of a heart or a trump. If he concluded that West had a near-yarborough, he would have returned a trump and refused to take his winning club. Declarer might then have been persuaded to play for a 3-3 division of the missing hearts after drawing trumps, and lose two tricks in the suit. A commonplace defence

which is often overlooked depends on the discard of a high card in the suit which has been opened. It may seem elementary to throw away a winner when you wish to avoid an end-play, but it is not always



West has the chuice between

passive and szgressive leads. He has too many high cards for a waiting game because he can be confident that South has an established club suit which defenders who have yet to dis-cover how to unite. If West decides to keep his high cards in reserve, declarer will cash his tricks and be able to each lish two hearts after West has discarded the 77. By making the customary attacking lead of a small spade West is sucredering a trick but is actually making the declarer's task as difficult as possible. All will then depend on whether an entry can be created in East's

the only information East can give is a signal with the highest spade he can afford—the \$6, but this is invaluable when declarer is seen to over-

Being improvident West prob-ably throws his 7 followed by the 3J, and then reluctantly by the OJ, and then reluctantly the invocation was addressed a modern exparts with a spade which is likely to be the \$2. Declarer minute rescue appears as a spointed to find that it was waits for the lead up to his OK vision. Sometimes the donor is only a picture of a man being for his eighth trick and West shown praying, touched by rays cannot avoid the end-play be from the saint above, or with the student barricades of May the student barricades of May the student barricades of the student barricades. his partner by his discards. The card which West should have preserved at all costs was his \$2 and, to ensure that East kept his \$743, he should have thrown his \$K at the first opportunity followed by the 🍖 J or 🌩 9. The position after six tricks had been played would then be:



Declarer plays his VQ taken by West who leads his AJ, knowing from the first trick that South's A is bare. As soon as West is again on lead he puts his partner on play with the \$2, discards his \$1 on East's long spade and breaks the contract when a diamond is returned.

Edward Mayer

Collecting

Pious paintings

my Protestaut upbringing had kunde Vienna not prepared me, when I was The offering of ex-votos goes 16, for the glories of the back to classical times, when churches in Paris, the sugary domed Sacre Coent, with its banks of candles and clouds of incense, the extravagant sculpture of the Madeleine and the heavy pomposity of St Sulpice and St Augustin, A few years later. I was taken by some friends to a small mountain chapel in the Var. It was less spectacular at first sight, but then I saw in the gloom that it was panelled from ceiling to floor with votive paintings and offerings, each with their story of hope or despair. As an impassioned reader of inscriptions on tombs and memorial plaques, I found these "proofs of the piety and gratefulness of the faithful" as the nineteenthcentury Grande Encyclopaedie puts it, both fascinating and

touching ... Ex-votos were placed in Catholic churches or chapels in thanksgiving to Christ, the Virgin Mary or a saint for having miraculously saved someone from a desperate situation, an accident, mortal illness, madness, imprisonment, war, or a natural catastrophy. Others were in supplication for a child, a peaceful death, a happy married life, or for the safe return of a relative from war. All over France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Corsica, Austria, South Germany, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia and (through the influence of insnigrants and missionaries) Mexico and the South American can countries, one can find votive paintings hung amongst figurines in terracotta, war or stone, discarded crutches or stone, discarded crutches or caues, model boats offered by sailors saved from shipwrecks, or wooden and metal eyes, arms, legs or breasts cured by heavenly intervention.

The offering of a votive object was part of the bargain between God and the believer, an insurance that prayers would be heard, or an outward mark of gratitude that grace had been shown. The custom reassured the community of its social and spiritual wellbeing, while ex-votos attracted pilgrims to the shrine or chapel, as they were a sign of the virtue of the saint in

With the modernization of many places of worship, a good many ex-votos were sold or just many ex-votos were sold or just given away, ending up inevitably in dealers shops, street markets, and auctions. They are becoming very rare, however, since many collections.

votive paintings are usually in oil or gouache on wood, in oil or gouache on wood, including a control of under glass. The saint to whom the invocation was addressed and who came to the last-

cause he did not take sufficient llames appearing from his heart note of the first trick or help From 1600 onwards, the words ex-roto appear, or the initials' E.V.S. (ex-voto suscepto), P.G.R. (per grazia ricevuta), V.F.G.A. (votum fecit gratium acceptit), V.Q.F. (voto que fez) or G.R. (gracia rebuda) depending of (gracia rebuda) depending of course on the country of origin. Many are dated, with the name of the donor, and some have long inscriptions explaining the circumstances in which the row was made. They have all the vividness of a clearly recalled and often recounted dramatic experience, and through their pictorial primitiveless, they convey the essence

ness, they convey the essence of the situation. Ex-rotos, an essentialy folk art, were taken seriously when neive and primitive painters tame into fashion in the late 1950s and 60s. Exhibitions were

held to which not only churches but museums lent their collections, notably the Musee des Arts et Traditions Populaires, Paris, the Nationalmuseum, Nationalmuseum, Nuremberg, the Bayerisches National-museum, Munich, the Kunsniuseum, Munich, the Kuns-thalle. Bern, the Schzeizerische Catholic Museum für Volks-

often rain in the middle of the | Despite three years spent in a kinde, Easle, and the Osterre-Roman-Catholic convent school, ichischen Museums für Volks-

The offering of ex-votos goes warriors placed their swords or shields in temples after a suc-Cessful battle, aduletes their wreaths and trophies, women their belrs, veils or cuttings of hair. The custom was revived by the Catholic Church around 1500, when professional and often renowned artists were commissioned to paint a repre-sentation of an accident or the saving of a city from the plague. Except for the subject matter, they differentiated very little from the usual religious picture.

by the seventeenth-century, the commissions were being carried out by craftsmen who were normally employed to paint rustic furniture, inn or shop signs and fairfround booths. From the late eighteenth-century onwards, the pic-tures were painted by simple local artists and if there was a marked decline in technical quality, the painting increased in fervour and emotion. The artist was unconcerned with arrist was unconcerned with public appreciation and painted without perspective or cor-poral structure. He relied on his imagination and improvised without reference to a pictorial tradition, although one does find that there is a certain find that there is a certain continuity particularly in cases of mortal illness, where the sick person lies comatose in bed, while his family kneel praying or throw up their arms in despate.

The following examples are

a few of the terrible or tragia few of the terrible or tragi-comic things which are shown in ex-voto paintings; a man struck by sudden illness while playing a serenade on a mande-lin; a forester failing off a branch on to his are; attacks by bandins, pirates, hears, en-raged bulls and dogs with rabies; a snooker player being hit with a cue during an argu-ment; a man cleaning a welf ment; a man cleaning a walk being hit on the head by a falling bucket; a baby acci-dently dropped in to a basin of boiling water; an Alpine regi-ment lost in a snow-storm; people falling off ladders or beand sicked by horses; the sole survivor of a group of soldiers in the trenches in the First World War; a man falling from a skyscraper. One of my favourite paintings is a seven teenth century ex-roro of a furmer surrounded by his herd of kneeling cows, who have broad smiles on their faces; having miraculously avoided death in a bovine epidemic.

In Mexico and the South American countries, this naive religious wife pression and ex-votos are still made. In Europe, on the other hand, it is difficult to be a true primipaintings tend to be somewher self-conscious. I thought that I had discovered a modern ex-168 . . perhaps it had been painted to commemorate the fact that he had been compensated from his jujury. After on insurance companies rather than the saints, to come to our

rescue in times of disaster.

There is as yet no established collectors' market in ex-yous and there are no specialized desiers to turn to, though they are occasionally included in sales or exhibitions of naive paintings. Naturally enough, they are most often to be found for sale in Catholic countries, particularly Spain, Portugal or Austria, When a church or Austria. When a church or chapel is refurbished, they are likely to find their way into the hands of small local antique dealers. Prices vary according to date, subject and quality. but tend at present to run in the £50 to £200 range. In Naples you can still have one painted to your own specifica-tions for £40.

Lynne Thornton

The author is a Paris auction expert on mineteenth-century painting.

Food

Let them eat bread and cake

out the crumb tearing, try to cool. bake them the day before. In fact teabreads keep very well beet if you wrap them in foil or enclose in a tin once they are quite cold. When baked, test your bread in the same way as a cake, that is by slipping a skewer between the loaf and the tin for a moment to warm it and then push right into the centre. When drawn out there

> An overnight soaking in cold tea means that the fruit in this recipe is plump and juicy; the result is a deliciously moist

should be no sign of any wet,

uncooked mixture.

Makes 1 large loof 10oz mixed dried fruit; 7oz soft brown sugar; pint cold tea; legg;

10oz self raising flour. soft brown sugar into a mixing basin. Pour over the cold tea and leave to stand overnight, the dry ingredients and mix Next day, stir up the ingredience everything together very ents, add the egg and the flour

Teabreads are served sliced and and mix thoroughly together. buttered. They are more interesting than plain bread, but buttered large 21b loaf tin and bake in the centre of a modenot so rich as cake which makes bake in the centre of a rate oven (350 deg F or gas 4) them very good for children's moderate oven (350 deg F or for 1; hours. Loosen sides, turn teas. So that they will slice gas 4) for 12 hours. Loosen the out and allow to cool. nicely and can be buttered with- sides, turn our and allow to

> Date bread Slices of date bread make very nice sandwiches with cream cheese. Makes 1 large loaf 12 oz plain flour ;

3 level teaspoons level teaspoon salt: 1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of 3 oz soft brown sugar;

4 oz chopped dates; 2 oz chopped walnuts; rounded tablespoon black treacle;

pint milk.

Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and bicarbonate of soda into a mixing basin. Add the sugar, chopped dates and walbutter, treacle and milk into a saucepan and warm gently to melt the butter. Stir to blend the treacle and milk. Pour into together very Pour the mixture into a well

Makes 1 lurge louf 8 oz self raising flour; level teaspoon sait; 4 oz butter; 6 oz castor sugar; 4 oz sultanas : 1 oz chopped walnuts; 4 oz red giscé chervies : medium sized ripe bananas;

2 eggs. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing basin. Add the butter cut in pieces and rub into the mixture. Add the sugar, sultunus, chopped walnuts and the glacé cherries which have been riused under warm water to remove the outer sugary coating, then patted dry and cut in half. Peel the bananas, mash to a puree with a fork and then add to the dry ingredients along with the eggs. Mix very thoroughly together.

Spoon the mixture into a well buttered large 21b loaf tin and bake in the centre of a moderate oven (350 deg F or gas 4) for 1! hours. Loosen sides, turn out and allow to cool.

You can buy malt extract from a chemist-make sure you get malt extract and not the malt

Makes 1 large louf 12oz self raising flour; ! level teaspoon sait; do castor sugar; oz sultracs: 2 rounded tablespoons malt 1 rounded tablespoon black { pint milk.

Sift the flour and salt into a mixing basin. Add the sugar and sultanas. Measure the malt extract, treacle and milk into a saucepan and warm over low heat stirring to blend them together. Pour into the dry ingredients and mix very thoroughly.

Pour the mixture into a well buttered 2lb loaf tin and bake in the centre of a moderate oven (350 deg F or gas 4) for 1} hours. Locsen sides and turn out. While the locf is warm from the oven, brush with a hor glaze made by boiling together for one minute, one tablespoon each of castor sugar, milk and water-this gives the malt bread a shiny top. Allow to cool.

Katie Stewart



The first national conference of suggestology, an amazing and frightening new science-said to be capable of unlocking the capable of unlocking the capable of the human mind and conference of the many conservatives to shame—all too many, not least a number of MPs, some of them reserves of the human mind and harnessing the potential of super-memory, has recently taken place in Bulgaria. A planned world conference, however, has been unexpectedly postponed until next autumn.

No reason has been given by the Bulgarian hosts This little-known branch of p.rapsychology concerns itself with ways of putting to practi-cal work the "locked" and unused 90 per cent of the human brain. Its prospects are tantaliz-

Suggestology, the psychology of suggestion, has very wide application and it has achieved —according to Bulgarian scientists—striking results in the fields of education, psychiatry, neurology and telepathy. It has nothing to do with hypnosis

or sleep-teaching.
Dr Georgy Lozanov, its founding father, described his new discipline in an interview with the Sofia evening paper. Vecherny Northy, when the Butgarian anthorities first allowed disciplinations of the Sofia evening paper. a glimpse at his work; "With suggestology you are always in the waking state and aware of everything around you."

Dr Lozanov, a physician and psychotherapist with impressive achievements in the field of parapsychology, so impressed the Bulgarian authorities that in 1969 the Institute of Suggestology and Parapsychology was created to further his work. It has a staff of 70 scientists, among them psychologists, physicists and

engineers.
In the field of education, a rapid-learning method based on suggestology, which Dr Lozanov calls "suggestoneedies", bas reportedly enabled students to complete a two-year foreign language course in 30 dwys.

Last October's conference

heard reports of promising results obtained from the experimental teaching of mathematics with the Lozanov technique in the first form of primary schools.

Papers read at a seminar at the Bulgarian town of Haskovo last February asserted that the Lozanov technique, combining the most advanced scientific methods with old-style yoga " in a mind-to-mind contact between teacher and student", has enabled the students to learn up to 50 times faster without

stant method itself is its conserved but in the past few years the yoga techniques have been played down. Its results. And an 1972 the Canadian Government purchased the rights to the Lozznov system within the framework of a cul-tural exchange agreement; Moscow's Foreign Languages Institute has introduced experimental teachings courses based Department of California University is using without fan-fares, the Lozanov technique.

Unesco first took notice of the Lozanov method about 10 years ago, and last spring Dr Lozanov was invited to Paris for a two-day demonstration at Unesco's educational method centre.

Since there are so many educational "wonder techniques" which eventually fizzle away, I side of his mind-bending work asked Mr John E. Fobes, Unesco's deputy director-

involved the use of his tech-

But he added that Dr Lozanov was " an impressive and serious scientist whose work deserves atrention. There may be danger, however, that his hypotheses, findings and techniques attract associations with less careful investigations or those which tend towards dramatic or careful and towards dramatic or careful an

less commercial applications."
Virtually nothing has been published in the western press. about Dr Lozanov's rapid-learn-ing technique. The courses last 30 days, four bours a day, with one break. There are up to 12

students in a class.

Against a background of soft lighting and soothing Baroque music—mainly Bach's "Goldberg Variations"—the students relax in reclining chairs in the class. Each session consists of three parts: a revision of previous material, presentation of new material and a "passive" and au "active" memory reinforce-

During the active part, the students must relax and not think of anything. Each phrase or word is read by the teacher at certain intervals in three different tenses and at the part of the state of the different tones and at three dif-ferent voice levels, and the students repeat the words and phrases to themselves sub-vocally. During the passive ses-sion, the students relax, listening to Bach, while the teacher reads the material once again.

The next day the students,

both young and old and of vary-ing capabilities, find that they remember perfectly the 200 new words learned during the previous sessiou. . . Suggestology has an even

more significant application in the field of parapsychology, par-ticularly telepathy, precognition and extra-sensory perception (ESP). As Dr Lozanov himself has hinted, "telepathy is an inexpensive and promising communication system for space and underwater exploration of the 1960s he is known to have used alpha waves, which he says, predominate the brain during suggestology, to receive coded telepathic messages. In a series of demonstrations, under strict scientific controls, he was reported to have had a 70 per cent success rate in tele-pathic transmissions with a Nobble man any 80 Der cent Mith

he is working very closely with a Mrs. Vanes Dimitrava a Mrs. Clauvoyant. Although clairvoyancy does not accord with the orthodox materialism of Buigaria's communist regime, the Government has provided funds for the golden call of youth, and is consecuently embarrassed by the setting up and staffing of a sequently embarrassed by the laboratory in the town of Petrich, which concentrates solely on Mrs Dimitrova's talepathic talents. periphrasis and euphemism when we try to talk about them. The Victorian middle classes

It is known, however, that

Dr Lozanov, too, has had hand in the allegedly un-cannily accurate "oracles" of Mrs Dimitrova, but spart from a single public statement admitting that "telepathy and clairvovance can be cultivated by suggestology", he has re-fused to speak in public about this potentially more daugerous

George Hutchinson

Why Mrs Thatcher is the real victor of Stechford

puts many Conservatives to shame—all too many, not least a number of MPs, some of them former ministers.

nique for learning Italian (he la many lands taught himself many lands have been so quick to criticize guages). The result was not many lands the many lands are successful. The result was not of personal deniance of personal deniance of personal deniance of personal deniance. paragement since the loss of the Opposition motion of no confidence in the Government 10 days ago. They have been accusing her not only of making a poor speech in the Commons debate (which is true) but of misjudging the issue and also of wider ineptitude.

The by-election victory must be considered a further vindicabe considered a further vindica-tion of Mrs Thatcher's leader-ship, a fresh proof of public approval. And of course it is much more: a repudiation of the Government, a call for change, a rebuff to the Laberals and their accommodation with Labour. Within the Conserva-tive Party it is above all a reproof and a reproach to the fainthearts (and worse) who have again been displaying such have again been displaying such a lack of confidence by their a lack of confidence by their conduct during the past week.
To listen to some of them you might have imagined that the Callaghan-Steel alliance was guaranteed to keep Labour was guaranteed to keep Labour in office for ever and a day. It could do so only if the Tory wobblers, the waverers and chameleons (whose instincts are inexpressibly feeble) were to deny Mrs Thatcher due sup-port and if people of liberal disposition were overwhelm-ingly in favour of the compact —which they are not. What would these critics have said if she had falled to

table that motion after the Government had run away from the vote (the non-vote) which preceded and provoked it? They would have attacked her for timing and incompet-ence. But it is not only their

judgment that is at fault. judgment that is at fault.

"The Tories are awfully bad losers, you know. They've no generosity." That is what a former Conservative Prime Minister, whom I shall not identify for the present, once said to me. He exaggerated. The charge was extravagent; the sweeping too generalized. too sweeping, too generalized. Nevertheless it was true, and remains true, of over-many, No doubt it is true of other parties as well. The Liberals were not noticeably generous

were embarrassed by sex, and

of covering up chair legs and

Other ages and cultures have their sting to shock. Before long respected and indeed venerated at this rate the most shocking old age. Present society in the insults will no longer be sexual United Kingdom and especially but senile and moribund. Men the United States has made a purple with rage will find relief

referring to trousers as unmentionables. Accordingly, their
swearwords were sexual, for
swearing performs the carthartic
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Mrs Thatcher after the by-election

result: a fresh proof

now of public approval

towards Mr Thorpe. Nor has small thanks—little gratitude—the Labour Party been consistently generous towards successive leaders. From this we sphere of public policy, how-may conclude that there is ever, success—like truth—is

An occasional series on new words and new meanings

We should treat old people cine or of social science dealing better, if only for the unberoic with the health of old people.

centration camps for the old in Geriatric accordingly has a Florida and California, where clearly defined and useful mean-

Why such an unkind word for the old?

And now there is a fashion

for using geriatric as though it

were a jocular and somehow

less depressing synonym for old.

Geriatrics comes from two Greek words meaning old age and "relating to the physician", and means the branch of medi-

It was coined in the New York

Medical Journal of 1909 as the

tology is a related word mean-

ing as an adjective: concerned with the medical care of the

applied as if it meant merely old or very old or amusingly

But it is being widely mis-

because a long, learned

often subject to various interpretations, not only between

The probability, let us say, is that the Teries are not less generous than their opponents: if they sometimes seem so it is perhaps because loyalty to-wards the incumbent leadership is supposed to be such an important aspect of their col-lective creed. Tending as they do to preach loyalty they are expected to practise it rather more than the next man.

We can now see that by his arrangement with hir Steel the Prime Minister has achieved one thing. He has gained time one thing. He has gained time—though perhaps not very much. He has managed to defer a general election. That was his purpose, his single purpose. He had no interest—he cannot have—in furthering the present influence or future prospects of the Liberal Party. It is not Mr Callaghan who has deluded himself, but Mr Steel with his platoon of chocolate soldiers, now rigged out as late soldiers, now rigged out as stration", and their affectations of power. If there were reasons last Saturday for suggesting (as did) that David Steel had probably succeeded in dishing the Liberals, the evidence has since become all the stronger-and not only because of Stech-

Mr Steel's act of collaboration Liberals as a distinctive inde-pendent force. While there are members of the Liberal Party who uphold his decision there are—I repeat—many people of liberal disposition who reject it and feel deeply offended by the compromise. This foretells a net loss for the Liberal Party, not

a net gain.
Lord Hailsham was speaking about the alliance (or rather misalliance) in Oxford the other night. He is the best (and I hope not the last) of our Tory philosophers. As he said, the Conservatives have now become the only national Opposition party—and he foresaw an autumn election with the annihilation of the Liberals.

Recognizing the dangers contained in the strange partnership, Lord Hailsham also recognized the opportunities for the Tories. Perhaps the fainthearts will now cotton on to them too. © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

precise than a common short one. Cardinal Basil Hume, the

chimed in an interview on his appointment that he was a

geriatric squash player. He looks a remarkably fit and healthy man. But possibly he can be given the benefit of the

doubt, and assumed to have

been using the word correctly.

Perhaps the local paper that referred to geriatric high jinks

at an old people's home was

using the word soberly and

advisedly, and understood what

battery, the time had come to cry: "Hold, 'old enough".

An astonishing vintage year for Moselle, but take care

How often do we hear of the terminology. Thus there may when the century has lots of life in it yet? We can all think of plenty of those, and possibly most notoriously the 1959s in Bordeaux Promotion gimmicks, we say, and look away.

As March fades into April with all the grim skies and raw bite to it, the wines are in along the Moselle. They are in cask in dripping cellars, with the non-return gas vents still in the bungholes as the fermentation comes to rest. And those in charge already know that the 1976 wines are the best since 1921. They are indeed asyonishing.

The Moselle valley is a spectactilar piece, lofty and precipitous. The great wide river turbid and swollen like all European rivers now sweeps down to its sinuous course. This course, like Kipling's, would make a tapeworm giddy.

make a tapeworm giddy.

The river is flanked on either side by a grey glacis of vine-yards rising high into the sky till crowned by a ragged fringe of black pine forest. Here and there along the banks nestle little villages whose names are household words — Urzig, Whelen, Piesport, Reil, with big brother Bernkastel about the middle.

Up at the top of the river, at the Luxembourg border, lies Trier, near the confluence of the two massive tributaries of the Ruwer and the Saar amid even more spectacular scenery
—and some more famous names
such as Ockfen, Saarburg,
Serrig And the whole lot, apart from the more unpromising north-facing slopes, is one

huge vineyard. Unlike the Douro, it is not terraced. The vineyards are steep, but continuous. They are intersected with service roads along the contours here and there, and the stakes to which the vines are trained run always in precise rows up and down hill.

The properties are usually small, and highly individual es is well known. The nomenclatures, confusing at first sight, are basic and logical even if sesquipedalian. First the village than the village than the village than the village. the grape, then the quality— those glamorous words that show the degree of selectivity, culminating in the accolades of Trockenbeerenausiese or Eis-

For those who are not masters of wine, these two terms denote: individually. terms denote: individually selected grape-barries allowed to have contracted the Noble Rot that has dehydrated and so contenuated them, and grapes that have remained on the vines till frozen—when they were picked and the ice left in the press so that once more the juice was concentrated. There was no Eiswein in 1976. for reasons I will tell. But first should mention that the naming of German wines has been modified by the new wine laws tions are basically grouped in districts known as Bereichs. Thus the Moselle is divided into four, the best known perhaps being the Berncasteler Bereich, with Zeller Bereich downstream, Obermosel Bereich advisedly, and understood make it was saying. But when a upstream and Saar-Kuwe. Individual small holdings too classify are upstream and Saar-Ruwer at Sekt this year.

ne time had come to numerous to classify are ld, 'old enough".

Philip Howard

numerous to classify are grouped into joint appelations so that some well-known names disappear into larger units of

be changes—but the Or more or less the same.
The Moselle has been said to
be all planted with the Riesling
grape. In future a regulated

growth of others will be recog-Now the 1976 is nearly ready for us. It is a small crop—the long hor summer shrivelled and concentrated the grapes on the stem but a wonderfully rich one. So rich and concentrated that the gathering had to be very early if there were to be enough juice left to make wine at all. So no grapes remained to be frozen into Eiswein.

In such a year all the grapes are, as it were, upgraded in the scale of selection so that the simple Qualitätswein (if simple is the word) would be as great as a Spätlese, and so on. great as a Spanese, and so on.
And at the top end of the scale,
for instance, a 1976 Ockfener
Bockstein Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese drawn from its half-cask for tasting seemed so concentrated and charged and inspissated that it resembled liqueur more than a Moselle. The Beerenauslese of the same wine more truly kept the delicacy and fresh character of

the true Moselle wine.
In a short time they will be bottled. And here 1976 sets a problem. German wines, not only Moselles, are usually bottled in Germany. And the skills and standards of surgical asepsis and chemical cleanliness have to be exceedingly high; if not, disasters can easily hap-

Wirth virtually all bottling done at source, the skills and care are over-stretched, and for some years now a curning way round this has been in practice —"hot bottling", it is called.
The wine is virtually pasteurised to kill the yeasts, at 68
degrees C. For common table
wines such as Liebfraumlich
and the like this does not affect

But for the Qualitätswein and better this is not so good. It will certainly be drinkable after a few months in bottle, but being biologically dead will not keep and will go flat and duil and will, in fact, deteriorate. A vintage such as 1976 will be wasted if hot-borned as it can not be kept and treasured and sampled over the years shead as a fragrant memory—it won't be. So an urgent problem has arisen, for in such a great via tage universally the cold-bottling skills will not go round they may even have dwindled since hot-bottling began.

Only the great or highest quality houses can do the job and all will be hard-pressed to do justice to these giorious wines. The purchaser will have to be careful and learn the little marks in the glass of the bottles that denote cold-bottling and he will have to trust his grower and shipper more than

In off years the lesser wines are packed off to be blown up into Sekr—the sparkling wine. In 1976-77 the lesser wines are great, and the great and selected ones are, and are likely to remain, beyond compare. No

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The author is chairman of the House of Commons Catering Committee.

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of off-course betting

No recent controversy has excited the cognoscenti of the gambling scene more than the lively dispute now being fought over the future of berting on horseracing, a subject on which the Royal Commission on Gambling will soon have to make up its mind.

The protagonists are, in one corner, the Horserace Totalisator (Tote) Board, flamboyantly represented by its persuasive the control of the co chairman, Mr Woodrow Wyatt, and, in the other, the collected bookmakers and betting offices of Britain, relying on quiet persuasion rather than colourful

At stake is the right to run most of Britain's £1,500m-a-year betting business. The Tote, a statutory body, wants to take over most of the private sector—a "beautiful nationalisation", as Mr Wyatt has described it. Not upexpectedly, the private bookmakers do not want to be nationalized.

There are about 14,000 betting There are about 14,000 betting shops in the United Kingdom (excluding Northern Ireland), 3,000 of them being owned by the "Big Four": Ladbrokes, William Hill, Mecca and Joe Coral. The remainder belong to smaller, often localized groups, and family or one-man conand family or one-man con-cerns. Some bookmakers also operate at racecourses on race

established to give the punter an alternative to betting with bookmakers at fixed odds known beforehand. It works on the pool principle, with the winning punter sharing the otal stake money invested on bat race, less administration expenses and duties. The odds it which he has in fact ber are 10t therefore known until after

he race. Since 1972 the Tote has been llowed to carry on general ookmaking activities, in direct ompetition with private bookrossible to place a bet with on-course betting) it could pro- been a steady decline in the

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conversely, some bookmakers for racing, will accept bets with them at At prese stake mone Why does the Tote want to nationalize the bookmakers?

First, it claims that book-makers, and especially the Big makers, and especially the Big Four, are making inordinate profits, which they do not plough back into racing. The Tote itself is statutorily obliged to apply its profits to the sport.

In particular, Mr Wyatt vehemently accuses the Big Four of using profits madefrom their beging activities. from their betting activities to "build hotels, dragonaras, casinos, bingo halls, and other leisure centres". The Tote, in its evidence to the Royal Com-mission, suggested that the four made just under 121m profit from their betting shops. It is difficut to know what the real figure is, if only because the accounts of the conglomerates do not show up their betting profits separately. Mr Eric Morley, chairman of the the Betting Office Licencess Association, has said that the Big Four's after-tax profits

were just over £8m. days, but on-course betting makes up only about 6 per cent of bookmakers' business.

The was originally according to the most method formed survey of bookmakers' profits, in the evidence to the Royal Commission of Mr Phil Bull, one of racing's most influential figures, the pre-tax profit of the Big Four was put in the region of 3 per cent of stakes placed with them or 13 per cent after tax. That would not seem to bear out the claim that extravagant profits are being made. Perhaps unexpec-

bookmakers, their size making little difference. The second main point made by the Tote is that if it had a monopoly of off-course betting nakers, and it now has more (it is willing to allow bookhan 100 bearing shops. It is makers to continue operating

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at present, of the \$1,500m stake money placed on betting annually, the Government gets about £110m in duty. The racing industry, mainly by way of levy paid by bookmukers, benefits by only £10m a year, a figure almost universally felt to be far too low to sustain the sport at the high standard which it has enjoyed in the past, and to make it worthwhile for owners, breeders and trainers to continue participating in it. The Tote's proposals, on the surface, would seem to be the answer to racing's prayers, by providing the money needed to overcome the ziling sport's economic difficulties.

The bookmakers, and, indeed, most of the sporting press and many other experts on racing, are not persuaded. Quite apart from the social and employ-ment implications (the Tote would close down some 6,000 betting shops), they have a fun-damental objection to a system which would not allow the punter to shop around for the

best odds he can get. The lack of competition would effectively mean that the Tote could impose on the betting public not only what shops they could bet at but also what returns they would get and what kinds of bets they could place.

The Tote has promised that if it took over off-course betting it would retain all the kinds of multiple bets and combination bets now available, and would also keep open some non-economic shops in areas badly served for betting facilities. The bookmakers do not be-lieve that it will be able to do so, and point to other nationalized industries—the Post Office and the railways, for example, where there has

service given to the public. They fear that the Tote would be forced eventually to keep only their profitable betting shops and provide only a minimal variety of bets.

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One of the many side issues revolves around whether the punter gets a better return her-ting at Tote odds or at starting prices. There is no clear answer. Both sides make claims, but the result depends largely on what criteria are used.

Without pretending to absolute statistical accuracy I con-ducted a survey of 200 recent races. On bets for a win, while the Tote offered a better return in slightly more than half of them, the starting price odds gave slightly better total return for a £1 investment in each race. Betting on a horse for a place was clearly more advan-tageous with the Tote. To the average punter, how-

ever, the important distinction bets with the bookmakers he knows what odds he is get-ting before the race, and therefore what his return will be if he wins. That degree of cer tainty is one of the main factors for the relative unpopularity of placing money at Tote odds, which attracts, it is estimated. only between 3 per cent and 5 per cent of all stake money. The Tote hopes to improve that ratio by a computerization programme which, eventually, will tell the punter before the race approximately what he will win, as is the case with bookmakers'

The view in government circles-subject to the Royal Commission's conclusions—is that the Tote has neither proved the need for nationalization, nor is it capable of running all offcourse betting at this stage. As Mr Denis Howell, Minister for Sport, told Mr Wyatt at a recent luncheou: "You've got to show you can deliver the goods first".

Solitude and faith have transformed the Coptic monasteries

Reaching the four Coptic either from Alexandria or Cairo implies an easy run of about two hours by car on the desert route. There are no hillocks such as those near the Pyramids at Ghiza, where rocks rear their heads—grey at dawn, purplish at dusk.

At Wadi Natrum, the table land is flat and the sand can

be hard or soft with low lying marshes; the so-called lakes full of soda and salt are now no more exploited.

The horizon firmly kisses the blonde sand; the road

appears fragile, a thin, leaden line which sandstorms cover in an instant. There is water though, and small plantations have been established, and irrigation helps the Eucolyptus to

Nevertheless, already in the fourth century, men planted in this forbidden spot a few pockets of Christianity, monasteries combined with a fortress within their walls. Not only at Wadi Natrum but all over Upper, Lower Egypt and the Sinai peninsula the miracle of Coptic monachism peopled these deserts. It was the expression of a militant Isla-

nic conquest in the 600's AD. But in spite of the seas of Mos!emism encompassing it, of centuries of darkness, pillages and destruction, of ruins telling their past existence, a vacillating flame remained and survived nearly 2,000 years. Quite articulate in the Middle East, over three million Christian Conts survive. The Copts are the direct des-

cendants of the Egyptians and their flowering in the past was sandwiched between the Greco-Roman period and the attack.

of the Omayads. Ptolemaic signs of their own, they was civilization was in decline on paperus, flat stones, pottery and parchment. It is unwise to the additional content of the content o Mediterranean prestige was an example to be followed. By the Fourth Century it was estab-lished and the Copts took to Marcel Berlins this new religion even if they erred later through Monophysism.

Alexandria, of course, was the seat of doctrine while in the monasteries mystics, and recluses carried its spirits. Fer-your explains their activities: on the one hand they prayed, on the other, monks, often simple fellaheen, worked to survive. They became builders, labourers, basket makers. The faith burnt fiercely, fed by tradition, sacrifice. visions: no theologians were ever nurtured among them.

They lived half cremitic lives and left their cells and caves only once a week to attend long religious services rather as on Mount Athos today. Their "hegumens" knew that solemn rites would benefit them psychologically. The weekly mass was followed by the "agape", a meal taken in common. Their feeling for life itself and their role in Egypt can be compared to the "oeuvre" of our medieval monks in Europe, in regard to faith only, as in Egypt survival was at the expense of science and poetry.

Still their codex and manuscripts have been eagerly col-lected by the West, started by Robert Cutzon, who in 1837, at the age of 27, visited the Wadi Natrum monasteries, dived into caves, saw vellum manuscripts lying about covering jam jars and, "opening the heart" of the old Abbot with "rosoglio", allowed to leave laden with Coptic manuscripts. Ever since the plunder has gone on and our museums are full of over a thousand Syriac and Contic treasures.

Slowly Egyptian hierogly-phics dwindled and were replaced by Greek to which even-Ptolemaic period in art, for instance: it is more of a transformation borrowing from the Greeks, the Romans, later the Byzantines, such as the basket work of capitals now in the Coptic museum in Cairo.

sculpture, for instance—is decived from a deep seated feeling about rebirth. It was easy to turn the Egyptian Osiris into the Roman Dionysus and Isis Into Aphrodite. From this theme, where Isis nurses Horus it was nothing much for the Copts to picture Mary feeding the infant Jesus, transposing the Pagan symbolism. What is it that one seeks

when visiting the Wadi Natrum monasteries, apart from the fascination of seeing very ancient monuments, although they have little beauty, unity or artistic feel. It is no doubt the extraordinary fact of encountering living entities which without

u break in continuity, have kept alive a Christian faith since the fourth century.

About two or three miles from the main road right into the Wadi, a forbidding creamgrey complex appears, sur-rounded by an hermetic wall. It is Dur abu Sureyna. As one approaches, palm trees flutter their dusty branches by a modern belfry, and a square keep emerges a little higher than the 12 metre high wall sur-rounding monastic buildings and churches. These are low lying chapels, barrel shaped and domed.

A cross surmounts the stark looking door and when pulled a bell tinkles. A long wait is followed by the opening of the door when a black robed monk takes the letter of introduction asked for in Cairo from the Coptic Patriarchate. This has been from time immemorial the open sesame to the monas-

The amiable black robed monk explains little. One refers to Dorothea Russell's splendid discriptions of these keeps, refectories and chapels. In her book Medieval Cairo and the Wadi Natrum Monasteries There, monks still chant, standing under faded and rough frescoes reminiscent of the rupestrian churches of Cappadocia facing a line of high pulpits carrying breviaries in Cop-

The frescoes are peeling, the carpets are frayed, the bones of the founder saints covered with very old draperies in drum like coffins travel from the summer. the winter to the summer

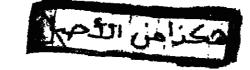
They are respectfully touched by monks and pil-grims, and it rather makes one conscious of the rite-loving Russians at Zagorsk and Vladimir kissing prosaically the Glebs and the Boris icons enshrined in the iconostasis of cathedrals. At Bishoi the monks venerate the Tree of Ephraem, a Tarmarisk of great age now surrounded by a wall. Neer-by is a Roman well where legend has it that swords dripping with the blood of 40 martyrs venerated at Abu Malar, the most important of the four monasteries, were cleaned and purified. A totally different atmo-

monastery. monastery. Founded by Macarius round the 350's it shared the fate of the other three, Baramus, Bishoi and Surevis I. Sureyna. It was rebuilt in the ninth and the eleventh centuries and housed many Conobites and Anchorites through the ages.
Suddenly, a renewal of faith

and a desire for solitude has gripped a number of Copts who have come recently from all walks of life. They have transformed the monastery though always within the walls. A great hall for conferences has been built; the keep is going to be used as a library and modern machinery is being screened by a new wall within the enclosure.

Alas, this renewal has somehow engulfed physically ancient chapels. If not razed they are certainly blanketed within new grey concrete walls. But the great charm dis-tilled by Bishoi, Baramus and Sureyna is disappearing at Dier abu Makar. The "renewal" perhaps is more important.

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A SUBURB OF CRAFTSMEN

The Stechford by-election is influence on the delisions of obviously a very severe blow to government and to be involved in the mking of national policy in the mking of national policy. necessarily a fair representation of general public opinion. Stechford is only one constituency, and attitudes to the pact may very from one part of the country to another, but it is the first opportunity that a parliamentary electorate has had to mass fundament and their hard. pass judgment and they have passed it most emphatically. It is true that the Liberal

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candidate, Mr Gopsill, was not himself initially sympathetic to the pact and floundered in trying to adjust his campaign to it. Yet he was a well established Liberal candidate, with a first-class organization supporting him, in a constituency he had contested at the previous General Election. He polled less than half the votes that he had won at the last General Election whereas the actual Conservative vote increased by some 40 per.

Mr Steel's pact with Mr Callaghan is the third such venture of conditional support in the history of the Liberal Party. The first was Mr Asquith's decision to put Ramsay MacDonald in as the first Labour Prime Minister in 1924. The second was the support that Lloyd-George gave to the second Ramsay MacDonald government in 1929. Both times Liberal support was necessary to allow a minority. Labour government to conduct its business, and both could be justified in terms of the need to carry on the government of the country. In both cases the electoral results were disastrous for the Liberal Party. The election of 1924 produced a large Conservative majority and a col-lapse in Liberal membership of the House of Commons, which fell from 159 to 40. The 1929 parliament ended with the Liberals split and produced an enormous majority for a Con-servative dominated coalition. Liberal representation in the House of Commons has never recovered from the 1924 defeat.

The historical parallels do. therefore, show that Mr Steel has taken a very big risk in supporting a minority Labour Government; all the bigger because it is also an unpopular Government. At first it seemed that the Liberals might gain support as a result of their increased credibility. The Liberals are now seen to have an

necessarily a fair representation for the irst time since 1945. A considerable number of Liberal supported have rallied to the pact because they see the advantage of that. The disadvantage however is equally clear. A proportion of Liberal voters, insually thought to be rather over half, concers of voters who would normally vote Conservative if there were no Liberal candidate in their constituency. If they vote Liberal now they

are viting for he maintenance of the Labour Golernment in office, noy merely for a limited period but indefinitely. Mr Steel has been talking at though he saw the pact lasting for a considerable period of time until the economic situation had improved, perhaps in 1978 of perhaps even later. Voters who wan to get the Government out cannot be

expected to vote for Liberal candidates who will keep the Government in, and the evidence at Stechford is that they refuse to do so. Some ex-Libral voters may have voted for the National Front candidate who beat the unfortunate Liberal into fourth place. These are the pure protest voters who cannot protest against the Government by voting for 2 party which is supporting the Government. Others undou tedly switched their votes to the Conservative.

The Stechford result is not going to make the Liberal members of the present padiament any the more keen to precipitate a General Election. That is certain. Yet at the same time the future of the Lib/Lab pact depends upon its success. If it seems merely to be a way of postponing the evil day then it is likely to be eroded on both sides. Only if it can be seen as a way of producing a successful national policy will it have enough life in it to survive for more than a few months.

Unfortunately for that prospect, the Stechford result is equally bad news for government policy. The question is whether the large class of people who have been discriminated against by incomes policy, a class typified by the toolmakers of British Loyland, are going to accept another year of progressive reduction in their differentials and their standard of living.

Already the evidence from the Trade Union movement is that they are not. Stechford provides political evidence of the same kind.

The Stechford constituency is a constituency of skilled, rather than unskilled, workers and lower grades of management. It has been a Labour stronghold because of the strongly industrial character of the work done by the people who live in Stechford, but it is a suburb of craftsmen. That indeed lends particular interest to its verdict. The Stechford result shows exactly the same thing as the British Leyland strike; that there is a deep resentment among this large and important social group against a policy which has advanced the interests of the unskilled at the expense of the skilled. It is appropriate that Mr Jack Jones, the true architect of this policy, came to campaign in Stechford and had very little notice taken of him. It was Mr Jack Jones who made the last two years' incomes policy a policy for the unskilled, and he did so because the Transport and General Workers' Union has so broad an unskilled member-

It is becoming more clear that there is neither the trade union nor the political support for a genuine Phase III of the incomes policy in the mould of Phase I and Phase II. There may well be a paper policy—a signature on a document—but paper policies tend to be even more unfair in their effects than incomes policies which have a real and teneral effect. A weak incomes tolicy which is widely evaded is bitterly resented by those who do accept it, or are forced to do

We have always considered it dearable that the question of Phase III should be determined by he present government. The experiment of the social contract shoud now be completed. We need to know whether a genuine Phase III under the Social Contract an be achieved, and if it is achieved in name we need to know vhether it is real or bogus. Stechford suggests that it cannot be achieved; that it simply does not have the national support which is needed. Stechford also suggests that Liberals are likely to pay avery heavy penalty for having implived themselves in a process of government they are not in a polition to control.

ONE BAD SYSTEM AND TWO POSSIBLE ONES

of their mandate).

A "white paper with green minster MPs with the time and nationwide election Northern edges" we were promised. A energy to spare, and the questreen paper with white spots is tion of what to do when a what Mr Rees and Dr Owen have European MP loses his West-eise. given us. As Mr Callaghan warned (or promised) in the Commons last week, the White Paper on direct elections to the European Assembly, published vesterday, sets out the choice different electoral etween. systems but makes no recom-mendation. Each of these possibilities, it says, "has some attractions; but each also presents serious difficulties. Before coming to a conclusion on this, the Government wishes to listen to the views expressed

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in Parliament and elsewhere." The possibilities in question are four; the traditional British simple majority system with ingle-member constituencies (which last year's select committee recommended;; a list system of proportional repre-sentation probably on a regional basis"; the single transferable vote; and a combilation of one of these with the "compulsory dual mandate", which would mean that only members of the House of Commons (why not the House of Lords, as at present?) would be eligible. In other words the fourth option i not an alternative to the other three but has to be the subject

of a separate decision. The arguments for the compulsory dual mandate mentioned in the White Paper are of a kind more likely to impress party leaders and chief whips than the general public; it would "minimise the risk of divergencies between Assembly members and other Westminster members of the same Party", and without it Assembly members "might regard themselves as owing a primary allegiance to European rather than national Parties". The arguments against are much stronger: the growing pressure of business both at Westminster and in Strasbourg, the difficulty of finding eighty-one West-

Social work training

Sir, Mr Tom White (March 25) has

pur forward a powerful plea for the Government to make available additional funds for training social workers in the next academic year. Although it is indisputable that the gresent economic situation will have

diverse consequences for the development of social work education, it

is not self evident that the Govexament should be persuaded to

give priority support for at least

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From Mr Ken Judge

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minster seat. One might add that the general purpose of direct elections would not be served by making the European Parliament a place to which only members of the existing political club can have access; and if it is felt desirable (as it reasonably might be) that European MPs once elected should keep in close touch with events at Westminster, there are various other ways in which this could be achieved (the most formal being to give them ex officio membership of the House of Lords for the duration

Clearly the more serious choice is between the three different electoral systems. The arguments against using a simple majority system for European elections have been rehearsed often enough in these columns, and it is very heartening to see them at last being given due weight by the Government. No doubt calculations of party advantage or disadvantage (the thought that a mid-term election in eighty-one single-member constituencies would be rather like eighty-one simultaneous Stechford by-elections) have concentrated the Governmental mind; it should be further concentrated now by Mr Callaghan's promise ast week "to take full account of the Liberal Party's commitmat" to a proportional system, and by the knowledge that if that promise is broken the Government will no longer have a paliamentary majority. It should also be noticed that the only positive statement of intent in the white Paper is that, whatever habens in the rest of the kingdom a proportional system will be used in Northern Ireland. The object of this is, of course, to ensure tepresentation of the Catholic vinority. But the Unionist majority can hardly be

else.

If this is accepted, we are left with a regional list system and STV. A national list system is not seriously considered. appeaently bequse it would involve voting for parties rather than individuals. In the particular form of regional list system which the Government outlines for us (and which appears to be the system recently suggested by Mr Michael Steed) his would be avoided. The elector would cast one vote for a nam d candidate with or without party affiliation. The total votes cast for all the candidates of each purty would be calculated, and the parties allotted seats in proportion to their total share of the poll. Within the parties he seats would be allotted to the named candidates who received most individual votes.

This system seems admirably designed for this palticular election. It is consideraby less complicated than STV, hough in the eyes of Miss Lakeman and her followers it falls short of it in excellence, giving slightly less influence to the voter and slightly more to the parties. The Government suggests that the names of candidates should be listed alphabetically on the ballot-paper, irrespective of party. That would seem to give au undue advantage to cantidates whose names begin with A or B. It would be better to put the non-party candidates at the top (to ensure they are not overlooked) and then group the candidates for each party together as a list. It would not even be intolerable to allow the parties to decide the order of their own lists, since the voter would not after all be obliged to respect it. But in any case either this system or STV would be greatly preferable to the non-proportional "first past the pöst" system.

inefficiently an that higher levels of social work output could be achieved, for an given level of exachieved, for an given level of expenditure, by greater use of incillary workers I have developed this argument elsewhere ("Economic Analysis and Productive Efficiency in the Personal Social Services: The Differential Use of Manpower", International Journal of Social Economics Vol 3, No 2, 197h, but it is work remarking 1970, but it is worth remarking that even the General Secretary of the British Association of Social Workers has admitted that too many locial workers at spending a lot of their time doiry things for which they are not bained and which oher people could do just as

expected to accept that in a

other legislanate and pressing calls on limited public resources, for example, youth unemployment, the squaler of many inner cities, and raising the cax threshold for low income families. Second, it is arguwell, if not better".

Finally it should be remembered that the maintenance costs of students indertaking strial work training, the issue in question, are financed both by central and local government. The present crists able that the present complement government The present

has not been caused by central gov-ernment directly — indeed the number of grants available from the Department of Health and Social Department of Health and Social Security has been increased—but by cuts in local authority expenditure. The remedy, therefore, seems to he within the power of the local authorities themselves. They are always anxious to preserve their local autonomy and they now have an opportunity to do so. The personal social services are primarily a local responsibility.) or to we are freresponsibility, or to we are frequently told and if facilitating social work education is really a

major priority then perhaps local authorities should suit their money where their mouths are. KEN JUDGE, Lecturer in Social Administration, University of Bristol

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Yours sincerely, General Secretary, 101 Gower Street, WC1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal pact with Labour

From Lord Gladwin

Sir, Professor Hayek, that great
prophet of what President Giscard
d'Estaing calls "old-fashioned"
Liberalism, and hero of our more
right-wing Tories, believes that no
Liberal can now vote "Liberal"—
thanks to the British Liberal
Party's (justified) support of a
British "Socialist" Government
(Letters, March 31).

I suggest that the British politi-

I suggest that the British politi-cal scene as contemplated from an ivory tower in Freibourg becomes rather distorted. The whole point of the recent arrangement was to discourage, not to facilitate, the passage of Socialist measures of which two-thirds of the country disapprove.

Incidentally, would the Professor maintein that the German Free Democrats, who are now in a coalition with Socialists, should no longer receive any "Liberal" sup-Yours faithfully, GLADWYN, House of Lords. March 31.

From Mr Andrew Phillips Sir, Professor Hayek (March 31) has ir wrong. The Liberal Party is not keeping a socialist government in power but only a Labour government in office. The difference is both real and profound.

ANDREW PHILLIPS, Prospective Liberal Parliamentary Candidate, Saffron Walden Constituency Liberal Association, 89 Bradford Street, Bocking, Braintree, Essex March 31.

Loan for Mentmore From the Chairman of the National

Sir, Your announcement (March 31) that the National Art-Collections Fund had agreed to participate up to £250,000 in an interest free loan needs further elucidation lest your readers should think that we are using our carefully husbanded funds in a reckless manner.

The executive committee feel so strongly that Mentmore and its contents should be saved for the nation that at this eleventh hour it has offered to lend the Government £250,000, one quarter of the Fund's free capital, on condition that it is repaid in five annual instalments. The total cost to the Fund of this interest free loan would be about £75,000. If the auction sale goes forward the NACF might easily find itself in the position of being asked to contribute such a sum towards the purchase of a few outstanding pictures and pieces of furniture. Under the terms of our charter our loan would have to be linked

with the acquisition of some of the works of art, and we would have to be assured that the house would be open to the public as a museum or in the same manner as a National Trust house, and that the works of art would be properly maintained.

In taking this lead the Fund hopes that other institutions, with a hundred times the NACF's resources, will siso produce an interest-free loan, and that if there is any shortfall it will be made up by a further contribution from the Land Fund.

Yours faithfully, BRINSLEY FORD, National Art-Collections Fund, 14 Wyndham Place, W1.

From Mr Alan Beith, MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed (Liberal) Sir, Miss Tregoning asks in her letter (March 29) whether the Liberal Party is in favour of the acquisition of Menumore and its art treasures by means of the Land Fund. That is my view, and as the party's spokesman on Education and the Arts I have joined with MPs in other parties to advocate it since the early days of the Mentmore controversy. Yours faithfully, ALAN REITH

Human rights in Korea

House of Commons.

From the General Secretary of the Korea Committee Sir, The extensive coverage given in recent issues of The Times to affairs in South Korea is welcome. Your correspondent (Peter Hazelhurst, March 23 and 24) quotes former President Yun Po Sun as saving that "In South Korea we are living in a police state", and complaining that "The British Government has not lifted a finger to champion human rights in this country." Yun Po Sun believes that the British contribution to the war in Korea a generation ago gives Britain a strong position from which to make representations to Seoul on such matters.

Another factor—although Yun does not mention it—which should strengthen the British voice is that. of the original United Nations con tingent that fought in Korea, only the Americans. British and Filipinos now remain. The British contingent, however small, is an important symbol of British support to the Park regime.

Yet, although the British official record is one of unconditional support for the "police state" that South Korea has become, there is reason to believe that the conscience of the Police state. of the British public is not insensi-tive to the plight of democrats in South Korea. A petition calling for the release of political prisoners and the restoration of democracy was signed last December by a group of 34 Members of Parliament and a considerable number of prominent British academics, artists, union leaders and men of religion, and sent to President Park and to the British Government.

It is to be hoped that your present series of articles will help to generate much wider public pressure on the British Government to reconsider its Korea policy. GAVAN McCORMACK,

The Budget: freezing prices

From Mr Tim Foriescue Sir, In his Budger speech the Chanceflor said that the Government intended "to prevent any unreasonable profit mark-up" by retaining margin control and "by taking a new power to freeze a particular price for the page 2 years.

particular price for up to a year when an independent investigation shows this to be justified. This must have sounded reasonable, since no subsequent speaker com-

The purpose of my letter to you, Sir, is to point out that the Chan-cellor's words differ significantly from the proposals for price control published by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection which provide for a three-month price freeze, pending investigation. We have no way of knowing which of the Government's two voices we are to believe.

In his consultative document A

In his consultative document A New Prices Policy issued on February 22. Mr Hentersley announced that when the Price Commission decided to investigate a pre-notified price increase the price which it was proposed to increase would remain frozen for three mouths (beginning from the date on which the investigation date on which the investigation was announced) ... No question of justification for

the freeze (as stated by the Chan-cellor) arises here. It will be a matter of shoot first and ask questions afterwards. The freeze is to be imposed without reason or explanation, and three mouths later the Commission can express its regrets, report that there was no justification for it, and allow the price increase. The company concerned has lost three months legitimate income: and there is no

The Food and Drink Industries Council has fold Mr Hatterstey that such arbitrary power in the hands of a non-elected body is intolerable in a free society. We have had no response; but the Chancellor seems. to have taken the point. We must now assume either that Mr. Hattersley has made a concession or that the Chancellor has got it wrong. There are unfortunately more precedents for the latter assumption than for the former. Yours faithfully, TIM FORTESCUE.

Secretary General, Food and Drink Industries Council, 1-2 Castle Lane, SW1. March 31

From Mr Ian C. Macdonald Sir, The burdensome increase imposed by the Budget upon the rural community of 51p per gallon on petrol is accompanied by an increase of 11p on farm tractor diesel to 371p per gallon—an increase of £40 on an order for 1,100 miles. In five years the cost of gallons. In five years the cost of diesel has risen by 493 per cent.

From Mr Humphry Berkeley

serves, has endowed the monarchy with a value which I, at least, would wish to see preserved. The

occasional but refreshingly breezy indiscretions which Prince Philip

commits can only cause offence to

those who are both pompous and without humour. Like you, I greatly

welcome the success of her tour of Australia, despite the fact that

there were occasional demonstra-tions against the Crown by a small

minority.
I agree with your leader (March

31) in which you expressed the view that Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, might have had

the grace to retire from office before the Royal visit, for it was against him and not against the Queen that the animosity was directed. Since the Governor-General of Australia is appointed by Her Majesty on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Majesty was also be critically.

Malcolm Fraser must also be criti-cized, since Sir John Kerr could have been replaced by him before

the tour, in which event there

might have been no demonstra-

It is at this point that I dissent

and advising the Queen's private secretary that he wished Sir John

The fact that Mr Malcolm Frasar won a handsome majority (having already been appointed Prime Mini-ster by Sir John Kerr), in the subscquent General Election is irrelevant. If there had been a General Elec-tion in the United Kingdom in 1968, or in 1972, or, possibly even today, the Government would have been or might be defeated. It is however unthinkable that Her Majesty would dismiss Mr Wilson, Mr Heath, or Mr Callaghan from the post of Prime Minister in these circum-IDIDCAS.

from your view that Sir John Kerr acted correctly in dismissing Mr Gough Whitlam from the office of colonial connotation. Yours faithfully, Prime Minister. If Mr Whitlam had known what Sir John Kerr intended HUMPHRY BERKELEY. to do before they met, he could have preempted this by the simple device of picking up his telephone Three Pages Yard, Chiswick, W4. March 31. - -----

Conservative devolution From Sir Andrew Gilchrist

Sir, You report in your issue of March 28 that the Conservative Party, moved by Mr Edward Taylor, is likely to make a new approach to devolution by proposing the transfer of a good deal of Scottish parliamentary business to regular meetings of Scottish MPs in Edinburgh.

A Scottish MP spends 70 per cent of his time at Westminster and 30 per cent in his constituency, while the Scottish Office does 99 per cent of its work in Edinburgh, Mr Taylor's proposal is that for a great deal of this devolved business, there should be devolved political supervision vision.

One great advantage of using existing Scottish MPs to provide this supervision is that it avoids the need for any new elected assembly. Members of such an assembly would inevitably act as grievance agents for their constituents, thus duplicating the work of MPs proper and so leading to unnecessary confusion. Mr Taylor's meetings should above all be businesslike; the idea of a special

Agriculture in England has suf-fered a very long wet winter demanding costly cultivations for the preparation or spring seed beds. Costly m expensive machinery; part, of which industry, has been strike ridden; and very costly in fuel consumption. Alas, it is sadly traditional that a Socialist Chancellor has little know-

Socialist Chancellor has little knowledge of our large industry—
agriculture, but it is abborrent
that the Minister who represents
agriculture has no experience of
farming, is a declared protagonist of
cheap food, and we in the industry
would seem to be unrepresented in
government hierarchy by any
minister who understands our
problems. Has the Chancellor open
made aware of this additional inflationary charge to the Kritish food tionary charge to the British food producer? Yours faithfully, ...

IAN C. MACDONALA, Higher Hill Farm, Butleigh, Glastonbury,

From Mrs N. Ings Sir, According to your tax tables for "Married Couples, Income all earned", in the event of agreement on a new phase of pay policy, tax changes will reduce the tax of those earning £2,000 a year by £64.50— just over £1 a week and of those carning £25,000 by £916.20, nearly £18 a week, Any trade unionist who supports a deal like this must surely need to have his head examined! Yours faithfully,

N. INGS. 324 Euxton Road, Furness Vale, via Stockport, Morch 31.

From Mr David G. Lindsay Sir, Your tables showing the effect of the proposed tax changes reveal that for annual incomes of £7,000 per annum and above, is middle and senior management salaries, the total (not the "per capita") increase in net income for a family of four (including the child benefit) is to be less than the increase for a married (but childless) couple, and in the range 27,000 pa to £15,000 pa (the Chancellor's richest families —enjoying perhaps, a per capits income of £30 per week gross), is to be less even than the increase for a single

This, apparently, is known as "concentrating relief where it is most needed".

Yours faithfully,

DAVID G. LINDSAY, 8 Swanston Field, Whitchurch-on-Thames, March 31.

The Queen in Australia

Kerr's appointment to be terminated. The Queen could, not have. Sir, By inclination, I am a republi-can. However, the incomparable grace, dedication, and constitutional propriety which Her Majesty has bestowed upon the peoples whom in name she rules, but, in fact she rejected this advice.

> I have felt for a long time that the title Governor-General is, to use your own word, "anachronistic" for the Queen's Representative in a fully independent Commonwealth country. It has an inescapably colonial flavour. Viceroy would hardly be more acceptable with its association with the British Raj in India. I venture to suggest that the title "Regent" should be substititle "Regent" should be substi-tuted for that of Governor-General to describe the post of the repre-sentative of the Crown in those independent Commonwealth countries (by no means all of which are inhabited by people of British stock) which wish the Queen to remain their Head of State. This title has the merit of describing the duties of the Queen's Repre-sentative exactly and has no

If we are to have any form of devolution at all, this is much the least harmful way of doing it. The problem the proposal seeks to solve is a real one, stemming from the fact that Scotland is at present suffering from too much devolution rather than from too little. The delegation of administrative powers which exists in respect of Scotland, in the form of the Scottish Office and its ministers, is unmatched else-where in the United Kingdom; and it may well be that it is not subject to adequate political supervision.

local Select Committee, perhaps one with wider scope and powers than the normal Westminster equivalent, is one which might well be implemented.

There is one obvious objection to Mr Taylor's proposal. The political majority in Edinburgh may not majority in Edinburgh may not conform to the overall majority at Wesminster, so that we could find ourselves with a Tory Government in London and a non-Tory majority in (what we might call) the Scottish Review Chamber. But this is an argument against any kind of devolution, and surely the high improbability of the Tories attaining a majority in any form of Scottish majority in any form of Scottish election was obvious to the leader-ship when they chose to wave the devolutionary flag. Moreover, it is worth bearing in mind that the American political system seems to survive pretty well when the executive belongs to one party and the majority in Congress to another. (The analogy may not be exact, but is relevant.)

At any rate Mr Taylor seems to have grasped the fact that there is no hope of the Tories stealing votes from the SNP or from Labour by pretending to be nationalists.

Finally, if it is suggested that the Review Chamber might develop into Review Chamber might develop into a powerful pressure group in favour of Scotland, the answer is why not? The reasons for giving special encouragement to the development of the North Searcland Scotlish economy are good Westminster reasons and fully deserve to have pressure put behind them.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW GILCHRIST. Arthur's Crag, Hazelbank, by Lanark,

Lanarkshire.

Improving life in inner cities :4

From the Bishop of Birmingham and Sir, The Secretary of State for

sir. The Secretary of State for the Environment is shortly to issue a White Paper containing the Government's proposals for tackling the problems of the inner city. May we urge that in preparing his pro-posals, consideration be given to the following points?

the following points?

1. We must cherish what we still have in the inner city, whether it be jobs, homes or the energies of the people who live there. On Merseyside several large contres of employment have closed in recent months. We need policies, and posticularly financial structures, which will protect the businesses already established in these areas and indeed, lielo them to expand. Similarly, if rehabilitation of the existing stock of housing is to be effective as an atternative to large-scale clearance, there needs to be a change, in the improvement grants system to allow improvement grants system to ellow

improvement grants system to ellow
a greater proportion of the grant
to be spent on basic repulse.

1. We must recognize that the
problems facing these areas cannot
be solved by local government
acting alone. They need to be
tackled collaboratively, with central
government if necessary catabilishing ad hoc agencies with resources
to generate economic scrivity but
answerable to the local authority.
Collaboration, to be effective, must
also include the people living in
these great. We are aware of the
frustrations of citizen participation, particularly in localities
which here lost hope. But restoring
a sense of morale is not only one
of our goals, it is a means of our goals, it is a means immediately to bond, provided we can overcome the sittagonism which has so often grown up between community groups and local government.

3. We must face squarely the need for positive discrimination, if the process of decline in these areas is to be halted and reversed. As you yourself have pointed out in a recent editorial, positive dis-crimination can only be justified on the basis of identifiable need. We accept that there are other areas of need outside the metro-politin conurbations. Whatever resources are made available, it is important that procedures for allocating them should be well understood, speedy, and applied locally. Yours faithfully,

TLAURENCE BIRMINGHAM, DAVID LIVERPOOL MERVYN SOUTHWARK, Church House, Dean's Yard, SW1. April 1,

Murder in Cambodia From Mr A. M. Spooner

Sir, What is Mr Levin trying to prove in his articles on Cambodia? That Communism is evil and that we in the West have a monopuly of virtue? The events that he describes are

similar in spirit, if not in scale, to recent events in Uganda. The Klimer Rouge murder in the name of Communism. Idi Amiu Dada murders in the name of Islam. The choice of which anti-imperialise creed to follow is purely a motter of historical circumstance. We do not condemn Islam because the not condemn Islam because the faith is perverted in Uganda.

Why does Mr Levin dwell on the brutolity of the Khmer Rouge soldiers? Communism as an ideology is not to blume for the glianction caused by armed conflict. The brutalizing effect of warfare is well documented; the rolling impliference of the right so callous indifference of the pilot to those he kills is no more admirable then the more personal forms of brutality displayed by the low-technology Khmer Rouge. We should not feel culturally and morally superior because we have the copability to massacre by remote control.

Yours faithfully, A. M. SPOONER, 45 Canfield Gardens, NW6.

A flight of butterflies From Mr Douglas Cottrill

Sir, The letter from your Mallorcan contributor (March 31) is very intriguing. He was right to be a little incredulous, but only so far as the identity of the butterflies is concerned. I am certainly very glad to think that whatever he saw had been able to survive the had been able to survive the insecțicides.

It is very difficult to hazard a guess at the actual identity of the insects he saw. The Heath Fritillary (Mellicta athalia) has never been recorded from the Balearic Islands, and really in the balearic Islands, and would in any case not have emerged at this date even in neighbouring Spain. In fact no Mellicta or Melitaca is recorded from the Balearics, nor would any fly normally anywhere in Spain earlier than May (M. phoebe) apart from one (M. aetherie) which is very local in the extreme South around

Algeciras.

I would expect the only butterfly of anywhere near the size and colour of a small fritillary flying in Mallorca in March to be the small local form of Lasiommata megera referred to as ab*, intermedia* Mushamp or paramegaera Huebner. but your correspondent's description of their flight characteristics does not really seem to fit that species.

If he could capture one specimen it would be possible to solve the mystery by his taking a photograph. Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS COTTRILL,

Flattering flora

Colyford, East Despn.

From Mr M. B. Happend

Sir, There has been a lot of talk on the adio and telepision and species in The Times about the wonderful response of flowers and regetables to encouraging talk and beautiful music. Can any expert in these matters please tell me why, when I go down my garden and say rude things to weeds, they do not wither and perish?

Yours, M. E. HAYWARD. Sunny Bank, Shoreham Road, Offord, Kent.

Orchestral acholarship: Jane Marshall playing the oboe before

orchestra live, and she would not have stood a chance in the

Each region has held its own finels and seven young players, performing on either the flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon or horn, have been selected for ustional fluxls in London next month. The first prize will be £3,000 to provide for the musical development of its winner.

Deposed Greek

plea to Europe

Eleven deposed bishops of the Orthodox Church of Greece have appealed to the Council of Europe accusing the Greek Government of violating their human rights.

of violating their human rights.
They were elected and consecuted by the church leadership appointed by the military junta which seized power in 1967. When this junta was toopied by another in 1972, the bishops were put on trial before a genod and depused. Other, bishops were elected to runize them.

After the restoration of demo-cracy in 1974, this arrangement was confirmed by law and the ousted bishops were depiced judi-cial recourse to quash their dis-

In their letter to the Secretary

General of the Council of Europe, the bishops said that this denial was in violation of the European

was in violation of the Burnpean Convention on Homan Rights. As Greece, while having ratified the convention, did not acknowledge the automatic jurisdiction of the European Commission of Human Rights, no pelition, could be filed with fit.

with it.

They were thus urging the Secretary-General to ask the Greek logis-laden.—concerned could be reconciled with the provisions of the convention.

The appeal comes at a time when the church has been trying to find a commodute by dividing the convention.

eses to becommodate some of

bishops'

Latest wills

Jewish women

Home left for elderly

Miss Bessle Golding, of Golders Green. London. ic.t fo0,895 net. She left her home to the League of Jewish Women for elderly imporerished Jewish women and after small bequests a quarter of the residue for an endowment to the home, and a quarter each to the lealsh Blind Society, the

the lewish Blind Society, the Home for Aned Jews, London, and the Imperial Cancer Research

Fund.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Randy, hir Charles Henry, of Bast Grin-tead, dental sureon £105,862
Collins, Sir William Alexander
Roy, of St James's, London, publisher
Glen, Mrs Edith, of St John's
Wood
Laugford, Lody, of Chelsen, which of fourth baron, nn.
settled estate £103,299

Todav's engagements:

Olympia, 10-9 (thos) days.
London volk: A reed tilege;
Fensionton, incet High Street
Kensington Underground station,

Exhibition: Japanese painings and prints. British Museum, 2,30-6.

Eritish submarines, National Printing Museum, Greenwick,

ecture: The modern collection German paintings, Lee Room. Tate Gallery 3. 1 City walk: Fleet Street: the

ture of history, meet. Law Courts, Strand, 3.

From The Times of Wednesday. April 2, 1952

Last of the trams :

Tomorrow

25 years ago



COURT-CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 1: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel,
The Royal Yeomanry, was present
this evening at a Reception given
of the Cavalry and Guards Club to
mark the Teath Anniversary of the
formation of the Regiment. formation of the Regiment.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston
and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE KENSINGTON PALACE
April 1: Princess Alice Duchess of
Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-inCisief the Royal Anglian Regiment,
attended the Tentu Anniversary
Dinner of the 5th (Volunteer)
Extralon of the Regiment at Bassinghourn.
Miss Jane Egerton-Warborton
was in attendance.

Forthcoming ·

Dr H. J. Freeman and Miss P. M. Smeaton

The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Sir Ralph and Lady Freeman, of Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, and Meg, only daughter of Dr and Mrs A. M. Smeaton, of Old

Mr L. W. N. Camp and Miss C. J. C. Still The engagement is announced between Lucian, elder son of Mr

N. N. A. Camp and of Mrs Patricia Camp, of Guildford, and Claudia, youngest daughter of the late Dr Robert Still and of Mrs Robert Still, of Bucklebury Lodge,

The engagement is announced

Service dinners

The Royal Anglian Regiment Princess Alice Duchess

Gioticester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regi-ment, dired with officers of the

ment officed with ornicers of the Stil (Volunteer) Buttalion, The Royal Angilan Regiment at the Depot, The Queen's Division, yesterday evening on the tenth antiversury of the formation of the battalion, The commanding officer, Lieutenan-Colonel J. Tadman, welcomed the guests.

The Ambassador of Indonesia and Sine Subotto, the Ambassador of Microsco and Sine Synousal and the chairman, Dr R. U. Hingorani.

Bucklebury, Berkshire.

Mr W. N. M. Jackson and Miss C. Z. Bermett

marriages

Basing, Hampshire.

YORK HOUSE April 1: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, this etening attended the Anniversary Concert at the Royal Festival Hall.

Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Birthdays 1003y

Mr Jack Brabham, 51; Sir Paul
Chambers, 73; Mr Leslie FarrerBrown, 73; Majur-General Sir
Staart Greeves, 50; Sir Alec Guinmess, 63; Lord Segal, 75.

10MORROW: Mr Anthony
Wedgwood Benn, MP, 52; the
Duke of Grafron, 53: Vice-Anmiral
Sir Alan McNicoll, 69; His Honour
J. C. Maude, QC, 76; Sir John
Ricks, 67; General Sir Ouvry
Roberts, 79; Sir Godfrey Style,
62; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John
Iltomson, 69; Sir John Walley,
71.

Cathedral appeal

and Miss C. Z. Bernett
The engagement is aunounced between William Neil Mauro, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Jackson, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, and Clare Zoe, eldest daughter of Mr John Bennett, of Horsley, Surrey, and Dr Frances Bennett, of Bolton, Greater Manchester. An auction of antiques organized by the Suffolk committee of the Westminster Cathedral Appeal at the sale roun of Dennis E. B. N.al in Woodbridge, Suffolk, last Wednesday relead \$7,066, including donations. Air J. Willford and Miss M. PE. Cartwright The angagement is announced between Juliun, eldest son of the Rev F. and Mrs Willford, of the Rectory. Earlisley, Hereford, and Mary l'Estrange, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. St G. Cartwright, of Tinto House, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:

The following to be members of the Ancient Monuments Board for England: Dr I. E. Lougworth, keeper of prelistoric and Romano-British Antiquities, British Museum, and Dr Margaret Weston, Director of the Science Museum, for five years, and hir A. R. Dufty, former Master of Armouries, Tower of Loaden, for three years. They succeed Pro-fessor J. G. D. Clark, Sir David Follett and Professor W. F. Grimes

respectively. Dr Alexander Muon, of the Enropran department, of the Enrope and environmental health Monsanu Ltd. to be president of the British Occupational Hygiene Society, in succession to Protessor Bryan Harvey.

The following to be members of the Agricultural Training Board for three years:

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Mr J. S. Lerber, Mr J. A. Daviss,
Mr J. S. Lerber, Mr J. A. Daviss,
Nike R. A. Hoose, Mr R. A. Persons
and Mr A. L. Phillips.
The following to be members of
the Eggs Authority:
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the Eggs Authority:
Independent maniers: Dame Elizabeth
Ackroyd, Mr R. A. Rug, Representing
products interests. Mr A. M. Buckett.
If P. Hunaphrey, Mr J. D. Pearson.
Lir D. R. Robenson, Mr R. P.
Vockier, Representing trade interests
Mr R. S. Edwards, Mr R. M. Joseph,
Mr P. Kamp, Mr J. L. G. Lamette.
The Rev Peter Godfrey, inimister
of Upper Chapel. Norfolk Street,
Sheffield, to be President of the
General Assembly of Unitarian and
Free Christian Churches from
April 14. The Exeter Plotilia The annual dinner of Exeter-Florilla was held last night in the Officers' Mess, Commando Training Centre, Lympstone. Lieut-Commander W. G. Phillimore, RNR, Chairman of the fiolilla, presided and the other speakers were Captain P. W. Greening, RN and Lieutenant J. T. Downes. Landen Division RNR

Lenden Division RNE
The Rev Peter Godircy, minister
of Upper Chapel. Norfolk Street.
Sheffield, to be President of the
Geogral Assembly of Unitarian and
Free Ciristian Churches from
April 14.
Miss Margaret M. Bailey, head of
the music department, Lady
Eleanor Holles School. Hampton,
to be Headmistress of Portland
House School, Leicester.

Lenden Division RNE

The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and Mrs A. Colin Cole,
were among the principle guests
at a jublice ladies' might dinner
given by officers of the London
Division, Royal Naval Reserve, at
the Mandon House yesterday
twentig. The guests were received
by the commanding officer, Commander P. S. Rees, and the ward-

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Alan Williams Minister of State at the Department of Indus-Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Britain and Ireland
The annual dinner of the Association of Surgeons of Great
Britain and Ireland was held at
Grosvenor House, Park Lane, on
Thursday, Alarch 31. The president, Mir Guy Blackburn, was in
the chair and the guest of honour,
Mr John Peyton, MP, proposed
the health of the association, to
winch the president replied. try, was host yesterday at a luncheon at the Cariton Tower hotel in honour of the Regional Policy Committee of the EEC.

Royal African Society Royal African Society
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham were among
those present when Mr W. T. G.
Gates, chairman of the Royal
African Society, introduced Professor J. Di Fage, of Birmingham
University, 2t the inaugural
luncheon meeting of the West
Midlands branch of the society
held yesterday at Chamber of
Commerce House, Birmingham.
Mr G. H. Wilson was the guest
speaker.

Dinners

Baroness Lee of Asheridge Baroness Lee of Asberidge entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords last night. There were

Memorial service Mr S. Idzikowski

A memorial service for Mr Stantslas Idzikowski was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev John Arrow-smith officiated. Dame Anna Neagle read the lesson and Mr Michael Somes gave an address and read a tribute by Mme Tamara Karsavina.

Windermere survey

A survey of tourism in and around Windermere is to start at Easter to enable future plans to be made with regard to facilities, boat licensing and registration, and possible zoning of the water surface.

The Illustrated LONDON NEWS

Joan Balsavell PROPLE OF LORD ANNAN Retor Conveil
REFORMENG THE TAX SYSTEM ATURALIZED ANMALS

A Christian strategy against decline and fall

By the Rt Rev R. P. C. Hanson that hour was not to range university of Manchester oneself among the criminal classes. a small general shop in Man-chester, trying to find some-thing to eat while I was wait-ing for help after my motorcy-cle had broken down. It was just after eight o'clock as leavest characteristics of the cie had broken down. It was mineur characteristics of the just after eight o'clock at late Roman Empire in the very night. The shop sold, among its last stages of its decline and other wares, cake and biscuits fall in the West was a tendenand chocolate. I tried to buy cy on the part of the state to cake and biscuits but was fold control (or rather to attempt that it was against the law for the shopkener to sell or for of the lives of its approach. that it was against the law for to control) the minutest details the shopkeeper to sell or for of the lives of its oppressed me to buy cake or biscuits citizens. I began to wonder after 8 pm, but that I could whether our society displayed buy chocolate without incurring a criminal charge. I tried other symptoms which that for 2 long time to imagine what circumstances could possible instiffs so futuous 2 law decline found it impossible means the state of th

what circumstances could possibly justify so fatuous a law, but failed. I had to be content with the fact that the state had decreed that it was a criminal offence to buy cake and biscuits after eight o'clock at night, but to buy chocolate at and lower classes. And it had a none of which we have solved,

Mr J. J. Bartosik and Aliss A. E. Warington Smyth

The engagement is announced between Jan, eldest sou of Reur-Admiral J. C. Bartosik and Mrs C. P. Bartosik, and Antonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Warington Smyth, of Parc Vean, Flushing, Falmouth, Cornwall.

and Mrs R. E. M. Fortune
The engagement is annuanced
between Nicholas, son of Dr L.
R. Bromwich, of Sampford,
Arundel, Somerset, and Mrs
Loruz Bromwich, of Wimbledon,
and Rosemary, daughter of Mr
J. L. Waiker, of Cruydon, and
the late Mrs Waiker.

The engagement is announced between Robert James, son of the Rev R. J. and Mrs Findlay, of High W.combe. and Christine Patricia, dauguter of Mr and Mrs E. Rees, of Rhiwbina, Carufff.

The engagement is amounced between Gerassimos, elder sun of Mr and Mrs J. Molfetas, of Athens, Greece, and Turesa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Mooney, of Hook, Hampshire.

The eugagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs. A. W. B. Strachan, of the British Embasty, Islamabad, Pakistan, and Virginia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. G. C. Macdonald, of Cheam, Surrey.

room mess president, Commander

room mess president, Commander, G. R. Besttie, who presided. Among others present were:
The Frime Warden of the Fishmonews' Company and the Rom Lim Hum Astor. Admiral Sir Terades Lewin, the Vactor of the Concers' Commany and Lair Fort. Page Ciffer Williams of the Commany and Commany and Commany and Commany and Commany and New York Warden Command Commany and New York Warden Command Co

The Royal Corps of Naval Constructors held their annual dinner at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, last night. Mr R. J. Daniel, Director General Ships and

Daniel, Director General Ships and Head of the Corps, presided. The guests included Sir Frank Cooper. Permanent Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, heads of the British shipbuilding industry and representatives of the Royal, Commonwealth and Allied Navies.

The thirdeth anniversary dinner of the Royal Air Force Rauceby Club was held at the Bath Club on Friday, April 1, 1977. Mr Aiec Badenoch was in the chair and among those present were:

Air Bentier, Dr Binns, Mr J. W. Cope, Dr J. D. Ebswotth Dr J. Find, Dr S. H. Rodron, Lond Bunk of Fawler, Dr C. R. Jenkins, Dr E. G. Jewishar, Dr E. G. Jewishar, Dr Mary Nor-Alarshal, Markins, Markar, Marka

RAF pilots graduate

Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader, RAF. (reid), was the reviewing officer when pliots of No 14 course

graduated at No 1 Flying Training School, RAF Linton-on-Ouse, near

York, yesterday.
The Eustace Broke' Lorraine
Memorial Trophy for the best allround performance and the Fuller

round performance and the Fuller Trophy for proficiency in general fiving were awarded to Pilot Officer K. M. F. McAullite, Melville College, The Playfair Trophy for the highest marks in ground subjects went to Filight Lieutenant A. G. Nockles, ESC, St Benedict's School, Ealing, and Susser University Gradualing, were: Fight Lieutenants D. M. Chrise, Durchan Univ. A. G. Nockles, Plot Office, A. K. Hichmough, Cardinal Library Living, Market Play College, M. F. McAulling, A. E. Schmer, C. S. M. M. McLuling, Schmerketter Co. Soc. St. W. J. Parford, Smith, Manor But Gills: A. Complete, M. Smith, Manor But Gills: A. Complete, M. Smith, Manor But Gills: A. Complete, Michael Rose, M. Smith, Manor But Gills: A. Complete, Michael Rose, M. Smith, Manor But Gills: A. Complete, Michael Rose, Marchine, Bligh Wyconiae Rose.

Museum of London

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Finally, it could not cope with violence (threatening from outside not like our society from inside), which in the end destroyed it. In all these respects our society seemed to me to be alarmingly like the society of the Roman Empire in the last stages of decline.

ls our society in decline? I have an oppressive and pervasive feeling that it is, and sense that this feeling is shared by many others, not all of them as old nor as tradi-The Roman Empire in its tionally educated as I. Things

The crime rate rises con- free persons, because God bas tinually, parallel with the rate made them free and wains of divorce. Inflation poses a mem to have freedom; best of Even doctors and nurses and teachers now use the weapon

passion for promulgating laws and we now seem to be runwhich it knew it could not ming into political crises, perenforce, so that they ranked haps equally insoluble. Our world ascribed their lot to the
rechet as declarations of country is increasingly losing stars or to some impersonal
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Influence in the world; we are fate. Today we opt for some influence in the world; we are face. Today we ope for some becoming one of the sick men other determinism, but the of Europe. Society appears to be heading for greater permissiveness, violence and anarchy. The coince are free persons that all men are of divorce. Inflation poses a frem to have treedom: best of threat to our democracy which all, freedom in Christ. If perhas by no means been averted, sons are free then society is free; neither economic nor historical nor social forces can of the strike. All this looks completely determine it. We like the symptoms of a declin-What should Christians do in a society which appears to be declining? The most important point is to defy determinism. We are under no fron laws of the state of become. As long as there are

society, though there is a powerful temptation to assume believe in moral freedom,
that we are in the grip of decline need not lead to fail.

Portrait by **Kisling** is sold for £6,000

By Geraldine Norman.
Sale Room. Correspondent
The least important sale of the week devoted to Impressionist and modern paintings took place at Christic's yesterday and went better than all the rest in terms of items sold. The total was \$67,650, with 10 per cent unsold. The top price was \$5,000 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000) for Mode Kiding's "Portrait de Jenne Fille à L'Echarpe Verte", of 1944.

Among the curiosities was a present Duke of Devonshire for \$1,000 (estimate \$1,000 to \$1,500). There were two fine, very detailed drawings by Arthul Sayk. a Polish Jew who escaped to the West just before the last war. They bring the horror of the period to life; "Jewish pisoners escorted by an \$8 guard" made \$950 (estimate \$200 to \$500) and "Les Kulturtraeger en Jologne" \$280 (estimate \$200 to \$500); a carious variation in price for drawings of similar quality. Laurin-Guillons, the Paris suctioneers, were also stragiling with the sale of knodern pictures at the Palais Galliera of Thursday night. A high proposition of lots were unsolid and the top price was \$65,000 francs, \$7,593, for Yufillard's "La dane rouge", a small interior. Their sale of 08 Master pictures and furnitus went much better, with a par of Florentine views by Zocchi at \$11,799.

At the Hotel Douot, the centre for all but the most important Paris sales, Ader et Picard were holding a book sale, with some high prices for the early bindings. La Fontaine's Contex et Nouvelles an vers of 1762, with a superb contemporary binding a dentelle, made 48,000 francs or \$5,607; another magnificent bluding of velvet subrolleral in gold and silver thread with flowers, birds and the crowned initials of Albert, Arciduke of Austria and King of the Necherlands, and his wife Labela made 40,000 francs or \$4,673. The book was Lanario's Le Guerre di Flondra beevements navate of 1615.

At Sothiot's Chancery Lane yes-

nurrate of 1615.
At Sothion's Chancery Lane yesterday a book sale torailed £11.934, with 5 per cent unsold. In Bond Street a routine sale of English oak furniture and oriental rugs

Rare sirer: In a Phillips sale of English and Continental silver, which totalled £150,630, with 6

the King in 1750, and each plate bears the royal motto and an early coronet. 138,344 stamps: A two-day sale of Commonwealth stamps which ended yesterday at Stanley Gibbons Auctions totalled 158,344 (our Stamp Currespondent writes). A mint 1924 Cyprus 13 made \$1,200 and a 1910 Rhodesia 11 ruce-scarlet and bluish-black, in line unused condition, sold for \$1,500.

Guild of Freemen of the City of London

The Duchess of Kent, ControllarCommandant of the Woom's
Royal Army Corps, attends
Scottish reunion of the WlAC
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Bluomebury, 2.30.
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Orchid Council Floral Hall, The
Promerude, Southport, 10-5.
Doing Mary 1/221 Ham Exhiston,
Olympia, 10-9 (final day). At the summi general meeting of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London held at Tallow Chand-lers' Hall Mr Harold Gould was installed as Master for the ensuing year and Mr K. A. Honey. Mr Anthony Grain, Mp, Dr.P. L. Hogg and Mr J. E. Harvey as Wardens.

Kisling's "Portrait de Jenne Fille à L'Echarpe Verte", of 1944.

Among the curiosides was a Eugene Lami watercolour of the Palace Hotel, Buxton Spa, Debyshire, bulk in 1868 by Henry Currey for the seventh Duk of Devoushire; it was bought by the present Duke of Devoushire for £1,000 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500).

There were two fine year

Orchestral scholarship: Jane Marshall playing the code before the judges at the London area finals of the Shell-London Symphony Orchestra Music Scholarship at the Wigmore Hall yesterday. Another of the contestants, Carol Stather, aged 16, of Hartlepool, so impressed Mr Gerald McDonald, administrator of the scholarship, with her bassoon playin; that he is paving for the scholarship, with her bassoon playin; that he is paving for the Northern Sinfonia (our Arts Reporter writes).

Mr McDanald said: "She had never heard a professional schools have and the would not have stood a chance in the

widch totalled £150,680, with 6 per cent unsold, the top price was \$5,000, paid by Drager for an ern by Dirk Westrik, of Amsterdam, of 1724. It is 134in high and weight 5302 (estimate £5,000 to £5,000).

A rare piece of Spanish sliver, a line sixteemin-century percel-gilt jug, apparently unmarked and daing from about 1590-1600, was soul for £5,000 to \$. J. Phillips (estimate £4,000).

A set of 12 George III dinner plates by Thomas Heming, 1759,

A set of 12 George in chines; paies by Thomas Heming, 1769, vent to Partridge for 23,800 (estimate 53,000). Benning was appointed principal goldsnith to the King in 1780, and each plate bears the royal motto and an arms occupied.

Dr Milton Nunn Broderte, mixing him as one of the world's the American geological whose foremost students of earth his international reputation grest they, specializing in remains of from the evidence of sological life in ancient seas. "He enhanced from the cean bed, precision the time clocks ended on March 30 it the age tombed in sediments deposited in ages past, and thereby to connect the events of geologic reliced in 1961 as professor in history over the whole earth?" retired in 1961 as professor in

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retired in 1961 as professor in history over the whole earth", the geology faculty in the University of Califonia at Los Angeles and Sal Diego, Dr. Bramlette who then because professor enerities) was singled to for special hemours. In 1963 he received he Distinguished Service Medallof the US Department of the interior for his studies of transferric deep sea cores which, is the official citation. "Led to the first trans-

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pariment of the interior for his studies of transactoric deep sea cores which, ir the official citation, "led to the first transpoceanic correlation of glacial deposits"; and also for researches which led to the discovery of najor sources of administration of Secondly, in 1964, the Najonal Academy of Sciences awarded Dr Bramlete the prized Thompson Medal Finally, in 1965, his own university conterred on him are honowy doctorate, recognised to the University of California from 1941 to 1951, for the last 15 years as professor. In 1931 he married Miss valerie lourdan, who died some years ago, and he leaves a married daughter.

MR RAYMOND PLUMMER

DR MILYON BRAMLETTE

Ocean-bel life and geology

The death of Mr Raymond ization of sporting and cultural Plumser, FCA, at his home in competitions which have stimu-Wadherst, on March 29, re-lated and developed latent moves a leading figure from the talents. Himself a useful disof he architects of the post-

e Sidney and Hannah Flummer, he was educated at Westminster School and University College, Oxford. This was in the late 1920s when the influence of Basil Henriques (himself inspired by Alec Paterson and his book Between the Bridges) was strong, and Plummer on coming down went to live at the Oxford and Bermondsey Clubs settlement in south London. Here he became deeply immersed in boys' club work, sharing a natural gift for friendship, loyalty to ideals and useful athletic prowess with young people less privileged. Though he never lost interest in

during more than 40 years to
developing the work of the
London Federation of Boys'
Clubs, not least in the organ-

boy! club movement, and one tance runner, it was no unusual thing for him to run, and comof the architects of the man of plete, the annual cross-country the London Federation of Boys' course with his club boys; this club. He was 66.

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Rorn on August 7, 1910, son

Sidney and Hannah responsibility for the federation's finances, from 1944 onwards, first with Mr R. E. Wagg and more recently with Lord Chelsea; here his experience in accountancy was most useful (he had been arricled in 1931 to Fuller, Wise and Fisher, a city firm of chartered accountents, from which he retired. in 1973, as a partner). He-served the federation as chair-man (1963-67), and vice-presi-dent since 1953. He was honorary treasurer of the City Music Society and a lay member of Civil Service selection boards. Raymond's success as a boy's club leader was due largely to OBC, Plummer gave increasing a genuine modesty, loyalty to attention to his old school mission, Westminster House, which he helped to move from Vincent Square to new buildings in Numbead, a doveloping he condoned little but forgare here. a genuine modesty, loyalty to people as well as to ideals, and area; he was honorary treasurer much. His generosity to charit-until his death. Plummar gave much time privately, was very great.

MISS ELIZABETH MUNTZ

Miss Elizabeth Muntz, scolptor, painter and craftswoman, who died on March 30 at the age of 82, had lived for many years in the Purbeck district of Dorset.

of Dorset.

At her first public appearance, in 1928 at the Warren Gallery, her "Reclining Torso" in yellow Mansfield stone, was bought for the Manchester City Art Gallery, it showed the influence of Frank Dobson, RA, and was a curving, but it suggested that like Dobson she was more naturally a modeller for casting in bronze, and sire afterwards produced many interest-ing things in bronze and other

metale, Her work had the correcter-

factory from one or two points of view only. Elizabeth Munks proceeded on architectural principles, making drawings at successive levels in different coloured pencils and adjusting one to the other until they were in hermonious relation-ship. With this method she com-bined a full measure of anatomical truth. Not unnaturally her work appealed strongly in her day to architects: ber "Child with Fawn" in Flam Hill stone, was shown at a special exhibition of popen air sculpture" tield in Selfridge's roof garden for the benefit of exchitects.

composition likely to be satis-

Her portraits, which were istic merit of thoroughness and few in comparison, included firmness of construction. Instead of contenting herself with bought by Bristal City Art the effect of elevations, with a Gallery.

MR EUAN COX

Roy Hay writes: . Euan Cox who died on March 26 at the age of 63, was one of those rare people whose whole life was wrapped up in plants. He lived in an erabetween the wars when plant hunters like Reginald Farrer, F. Kingdon Ward and others were will able to travel freely were still able to travel freely in Burms, Tibet, Nepal and other Far East 20nes. And he went with Farrer to Burma on the first part of Farrer's

That was the time when our gardens were so greatly euriched by new rhododen-drons, primulas, meconopses

Captain William Power Carne, CBE, who served in the Royal Navy in both World Wars and was Commodore Superintendert Contract Built Ships from 19:2 to 1957, died on March 29, 18 was made a CBE in 1955.

and other lovely plants: Euen Cox was of my father's genera-tion and I remember well the non and I remember well the long evenings of plant talk when he came to my father's house. During those years he worked for Country Life, The Garden and founded The New Flord and Silva which the Second Woold War brought so abruptly; to an end.

Through these publications his authusiasms and love of his enthusiasms and love of

pleos went forth to hispire may thousands of people to may beautiful gardens. His own gorden at Glendoick was and still is, a treasure house of care and beautiful plants and his son, Perer, is carrying it on. Lady Bishop wife of Major-

General Sir Alec Bishop, died on March 27. She was Mary Patricia, daughter of Henry Corbett, and her merriage took place in 1926.

ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: 52, 11.15, Rev J. Arru-

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University news

Gulld of Marketors

The Guild of Marketors held their annual dinner yesterday evening at Stationers' Hall. The Master, Mr W. R. Bowden, presided and the other speakers were the Middle Warden. Mr R. F. T. Edwards. Sir Ralph Perring and Admiral Sir John Hamilton.

sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Presi-dent of the Royal Society of Alcoucine, presided at a dinner-held yesterday evering at 1 Wimpole Street in honour of Mr. R. T. Hewitt, executive director-

Royal Society of Medicine

CORPUS CHRISTY COLDEGE: Research followships from Oct 1. E. J. Falconer fellovables from Oct 1. E. J. Fallconer of the Control of the Cont

Glaszow
The General Accident Fire and
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Help for prisoners

The Matthew Trust, a charleble or anization has been launched to help discharged prioners and former medial-hospital patients. The trust, founded by Mr Peter Thompson, a former patient at Broadmoor, will try to help similar people to readapt to society, and provide professional advice on employment and accommodation. It is based at \$2 Bedford Place. Bloomsbury Square, London, WCI 51H.

Science report

Pharmacology: Heart-attack prevention

is hoped may lead to the preven-tion of heart attacks and strokes in people with atherosclerosis. The people with atherosclerosis. The compound, prostacyclin, synthesized in America by the group headed by Dr U. F. Aren, of the Uniohn Company, is thought to protect human beings from the formation of blood clots inside healthy blood vessels.

The blood system has to main-tain a balance between the clotting required to brevent bleeding from injuries and the normal flow through heafthy vessels. Blood-cells known as platelets contain enzymes that manufacture com-

peroxides from dictary fut and oxygen. Further enzymes convert the proximal and incomposation the important thromborane A.

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arterial tissue whose enzymes con-tert the prostagiandin endoperox-ides to the newly 5 othesized pre-tagrilla. Prostaggilla inhibits pla-tagregation and dilates blood vessels. The balanced system may be out of equilibrium if people suffer from atherosaclerosis. They may be

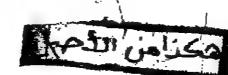
This can stimulate the clothing mechanism by the aggregation of blood platelets and constriction of blood vessels.

Opposing this mechanism are cells of the lonermost layer of arterial tissue whose enzymes convert the prostaglandin endoperoxides to the newly 50 thesized protactlet aggregation and dilates blood.

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Lordon Transport appounted yesterday that it is now planned Lordon Transport audunted to take the list of the trans off the streets and to put buses in their place by July 6. The completion of the replacement had been planned originally for next October. All trans north of the Thames, except those on the Embankment, will be replaced by buses during the coming weekend and the Kingsway Tunnel will be closed. The final group of trans to be taken off the road on property of the coming weekend and the areas which they would be taken off the road on property of the coming weekend and the areas which they would are: 44, Woolwich and Embands are: 44, Woolwich and Embands are: 48, Flouristad and Embankment. After July 520 miles of stan routes and more than 800 prans will have been replaced as 25 mounts and heart 2,000 train in a will have been trained as but drivers



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Carter energy programme calls for tough action to reduce oil use

Washington, April 1 .-- Presi-

dent Carter's comprehensive energy programme, to be announced on April 20, will contain proposals that are likely to bring big changes in American living styles. The measures are designed to bring about a decline in American demand for foreign oil. The broad basis of the Presi-

The broad basis of the President's programme is being clarified by White House officials in talks with politicians and reporters. Crucial decisions dealing with the size of government subsidies and implementation of several energy schemes have still to be decided by President Carter.

Proposals will seek to increase domestic coal autout

increase domestic coal output to more than 1,000 million tons e year by 1985 from the present level of about 655 million tons. These proposals will probably include a temporary suspension of some environmental standards in order to give a spur to strip mining operations.
In addition, a scheme is under consideration that would

force companies now using natural gas to switch to coal. Dr James Schlesinger, the President's special assistant for energy affairs, is considering a dent's programme will consist number of tax proposals that of energy conservation prowill provide financial relief to companies forced to switch from natural gas to coal. Direct subsidies from the Government to major power plants are also force all homeowners to engine weighed in this context. Sure that their homes are insulated up to standards act the federal government. tion intends to make coal much more popular by ensuring that rival energy sources become more expensive. A plan for the phased decontrol of natural gas mices will probably lead to gas becausing the most expensive of all that here within five or six

years. The phased decontrol of American oil prices is also commodated. A decision has been taken, it is believed, that will ensure that decontrol is implemented over a lengthy this context.

period of time. The view at the Mr Carter has still to decide White House is that too sudden whether or not to favour a large price decontrol would have too "general petrol tax. He is said much of an inflationary effect. to be opposed to this, although The President's plans will he may advocate it if oppoprovide government funds for sition in Congress is seen to an accelerated programme of be too strong in some other molar energy research. Funds conservation areas. solar energy research. Funds conservation areas. nology likely to produce early cars, that have high petrol results, either through product consumption. ing other forms of energy or siding conservation. Nuclear



Dr James Schlesinger: considering tax aids for energy

increasing to 500 million barrels by 1980.

insulated up to standards set by the federal government. Payment for this insulation might be through local utility companies and some tax deduc-

tions, may be, allowed individuals partly to offset insulation expenses. The mandatory home insula-tion proposals will also be ex-tended to companies, where a series of specific insulation standards are to be issued by the Government, Some tax relief may be offered to companies in

The Administration does not intend to modify the tough laws reactor programmes are to be compelling car makers to produce more fuel-efficient models.

The programme will call for the establishment of a 250 quired to produce cars with million barrel strategic oil average consumption of 27 reserve by the end of next year miles per gallon by 1985.

American economic growth predicted to rise by 4pc

From Our United States Economics Correspondent Washington, April 1

The page of economic growth in the United States is now quickening, according to private and government economists. Real gross national product is widely seen as rising by 4 per cent at an annual rate in the

Current quarter.

Unemployment figures for March, released by the Department of Labour today, add strength to economic forecasts. The total of people out of work declined to 7.3 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis last month from February's 7.5 per

The Department noted that the high rate in February was largely due to abhormally cold weather. The decline in March showed that the ill-effects on employment of the bad weather were only temporary. were only temporary.

Mrs Juanita Kreps, Secretary of Commerce, told a business conference that the bad weather probably boosted the first quarter's inflation rate by about one-half of 1 per centage point, while it probably cut the real gup rate by around 1.5 per cent on an annual basis. Current estimates, she said, suggest real growth this quarter "will lie about halfway between the weak 2.6 per cent annual rate of last year's fourth quarter and the roughly 6 per

cent rate we hope—and expect—to achieve during the remainder of the year."

Private economists hold very similar views to those now being outlined by the Govern-ment's experts. Mr Alan Murray, a vice president at Citibank, is also predicting a real annual gup growth rate this quarter of about 4 per cent, while the latest Wharton School econometric forecast sees an advance of 3.76 per cent.

A substantial gain in total American employment is expected this year, with the Wharton School forecasting a possible rise of 3 per cent for example. However, most economists doubt if there will be a sharp decline in the total number of jobless because of function substantial growth in the labour force, which this year alone may be more than 2.5 per cent.

by three Nordic block countries

Brussels, April 1.-Sweden

Brussels, April 1.—Sweden, Norway and Denmark, in a snap move tonight devalued their currencies against the other members of the European joint float, or "snake", it was announced tonight.

Mr Willy de Clerch, Belgian Finance Minister, told a press conference that a meeting of "snake" ministers here had agreed to a 6 per cent devaluation of the Swedish Crown, and 3 per cent devaluations of the Norwegian and Danish crowns.

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The excharge raits of the other "snake" currencies—the Deutschmark, Dutch guilder and Belgian and Luxembourg francs,—remain unchanged, Mr de Clerco seid. The devaluations are effective from next Manday. Mr de Clercu, who chaired the meeting, said the Scandi-navian countries had decided to devalue mainly for balance of payments reasons. Despite the changes in their exchange rates the three countries will remain The foint floar is a European Community mechanism, but Norway and Sweden are associate, members of the "snake". News of the devaluations came after European foreign exchange markets had closed, but trading halted temporarily in New York as dealers

MLR move keeps bill

assessed the impact:

By John Whitmore Financial Correspondent

The Bank of England's ploy of serting the minimum leading rate at 93 per cent on Thursday just succeeded in keeping the weekly Treasury bill tender in line with its wishes yesterday. But it did not prevent Treasury bills trading in the market at rates envisaging a further can in MLR before Easter.

on Thursday, the Bank was aimon Inursday, the sank was anding to keep the average rate of allotment at the weekly Treasury bill tender in the range 8.751 to 9 per cent.

The average rate of allotment was in fact 8.7643 per cent—more than half a per cent down

In setting MLR at 9; per cent

on the previous Friday—and the market-related formula for setting MLR was automatically reactivated.

nergy research. Funds conservation areas.

In subsequent trading, however, three-month bills were changing hands at prices either through produce early cars, that have high petrol either through produce consumption. Si per cent—and a rate which, if mantained through to next week's tender, would point to a cut of a further 1 per cent in

Other interests rates also ased further yesterday. Rates in both the three and six month nter-bank markets continued to slip with rates in both cases havering only just above the 9 per cent level.

Equities sufferanother bout of profit-taking By David Mott

The stock market in London ended the week on a low note as both equities and gilts were hit by another round of profit-

The FT ordinary share index closed another 6.9 lower at 412.5, leaving it 5.6 down over what has been an eventful-week. Gilts lost up to 51. The problem for the equity market is lack of short-term incentive now that interest rates are likely to be pegged at their present level for some time. In the pile-edged market the prospect of floating-rate bonds and the new short "tap" gave an early boost to the long dates. But the buying was not sufficient to counteract profit-

"Shorts" were lowered by half a point, even though some late buying lifted prices off the Application lists for the new short "tap" open on Wednes day and there is expected to be a heavy subscription.

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The Times index: 169.49-2.75 The FT index: 412.5-6.9

How the markets moved

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Devaluation American trade restrictions a special case, President says

Protectionist fears over shoe curbs

Economics Correspondent Washington, April 1 President Carter today took

a rough protectionis; stand in deciding the first major international trade issue that he has had to deal with. His decision may lead foreign governments to question the degree to which he is committed to world trade libration. liberalization.

President Carter said he has decided to grant import relicf to the American shoe industry. I am very reductant to restant international trade in any way", he said, and added that "only problems as extreme as those faced by the American shoe industry could force me

to seek even modest mandatory limits on imports". Mr. Robert Strauss, United States special representative for trade negotiations, went to considerable lengths at a White House conference to stress that today's decision should not be seen as any sort of signal to foreign governments on Ameri-can trade policies. He re-

case was a very special one. The President said that he has ordered Mr Strauss to start negotiations immediately with those countries that are the prime shoe exporters to America with the aim of reach-

negotiations he would "very definitely." seek to reduce shoe import levels. The negotiations must be com-pleted within 90 days and fiter-will primarily involve Tailwan and South Korea. The feiture of these negotiations could lead President Carter to impose tough quotas and high tariffs on shoe imports

on shoe imports. on snoe imports.

President Carter noted in a comment clearly designed to assuage foreign fears of increasing protectionism that "over the long haul the solution to difficulties in the snoe industry lies not in the restriction of imports but elsewhere innovation and moderniza-

tion of our own production

make these possible."

hir Strauss pointed out that shee imports have more than doubled to nearly 190 million pairs from Taiwan in the last two years, while they have in-creased from 9 million to more ing orderly marketing agreethan 40 million pairs fro South Korea in this period.

Mr Strauss said that in these He noted that without government action there would be further large shoe import gains this year. The value of American shoe imports is about \$1,500m (£882m) a year.

President Carter pointed out that because of foreign competishoe manufacturing companies has fallen by 40 per cent to 380 firms since 1968, while employment in the industry has declined by 70,000.

He decided to reject a proposal to impose special trade quotas now, in favour of seeking negotiated orderly market-

In addition, in an action that Administration will not effec-some foreign observers may tively resist protectionist forces.

this Administration may take toward other United States industries seeking protection, the President said he would propose legislation in the next three months that would provide government assistance to the shoe industry here.

Today's decision might raise fears that favoien countries may retaliuse by imposing trade restrictions of their own, Reon relevision set imports wind on relevision set imports, which is another matter the President must shortly decide, are widely being viewed as test cases of the Administration's foreign

trade pulicies.

A typical and worrying view of what presidential decisions favouring restrictions could produce was reservely noted by Mr Harold van Clevelsad, a prom-inent New York banker, a vice-president of Citibank, who srill that by imposing restrictions (he. President gave to the world a pretty continuing signal that his

Crash kills broker in £2m Milan scandal A Milan stockbroker died

last night id a metorical crash clared insolvent wirk debts of

E1.66m. The Milan Bourse was shaken by the aunouncement yesterday of liquidation proceedings against Signer Ignazio Federico di Giorgi, 68, the dead men, and Commissioner Giuseppe

be unable to cover accounts totalling firm.

Signer Cappelletti this disappeared, as have his double noise and accounts.

The liquidation has raised The liquidation has raised once egain questions about the efficacy of Consob, the Stock Exchange Course Commission which was ser, up, shout the yales ago to prevent such coses. Signor of Georgi, has been eccumulating chares mainly in the following states mainly in .

Trems—a company which owns the follow receivers and runs the bookmaking activities there—apparently with the intention of receiling them.

or receiling them.

Press reports suggested that the would be buyer was Alain Delon, the French film star and businessman, but Bourse sources said it was more likely that Signor di Giorgi hoped to sell them to Treano's existing majority sharefolders.

Thise are tense times for

These are tense times for Treme. Its chairman, Signor Vittorio di Capua was kidnapped on March 6 and is being held for parson.

Signor di Giorgi had accumulated mare storn 10, per cour of the Trenne shares but got into difficulties when the company decided to increase capital and the price of its shares plum-ineted on the check exchange. The final blow came when the banks backing bim with-

drew their support.
Other operations by Signor di Giorgi involved Morditalia and Coscami sheres. Doubts about his activities

had been empirised by the stockbrokers entitative commi-tee to Cousob, but the Control Commission took no action. The case and aroused further chicken of Cousch. It has

frequantly been charged with excessive prudence, as well as luciding both the manpower and the leval "teeth" to do its job properly.
Signor Coetano Stanimati, the

Treasury Minister, has pro-mised to submit a bill to Parliament by the end of April to reform Cousob. Patricia Clough

US charterer rejects Bill tabled to renew price controls policy

A Price Commission Bill the Government's new price con-triels police, was introduced into the House of Commons yester-day by Mr Hattersley, Secre-tory of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. Details of the Bill will be published on Monday Monday.

A comparatively simple Bill. has been drasted, renewing the life of the Price Commission beyond July 31. The commission is then expected to get new powers to investigate proposed price increases.

During, investigations price under review will be frozen for between three and five months, and in certain cir-

cumstances the freeze could be extended to last a year.

Mr Hattersley has already rejected a plea by the Confederation of British Industry to give the Bill a life of only one year, thus pairing it with the next phase of incomes policy, instead of giving it an indefinite life. Mr Hattersley has made some limited concessions to the views of the CBI and the Retail Consortium. Profit margin controls,

placed on a one-year basis.

Paperwork for pre-notifying companies will be reduced.

There will be a right of appeal-for companies involved in investigations.

The Bill will also place a duty. The Bill will also place a duty, on the Government to draw up safeguards to protect companies from being damaged commercially during a price investigation. How this will be done is still the subject of discussion. Mr Hartersley, originally proposed that there should be safe-marid levels below which profit guard levels below which profit margins should not be de-pressed. The CBI wants the safeguards

to act as "trip wires" to define the profit performance point below which companies could be sure of nor being investi-gated. It regards the continua-tion of the levels provided by the present price code as a minimum for the new safeguards, but so far Mr Hattersley has favoured a more flexible approach.

Another issue is whether Mr Hattersley will be prepared to give companies the right to interim price rises during an investigation—again relying on to be dealt with by secondary legislation, will not have an a safeguard formula.

£23m Clyde drill ship the Clyde for £23m, the most Litigon's managing director, advanced oil exploration ship in last night blamed the holdup

the world was rejected last on design changes during con-night by her American charter-ers only days before she Scott Lithgow is the only was due to sail on her first British shipparil which has deoperation. The ship now lies in the

Clyde with her crew aboard—ready to sail but with nowhere dispute between her the British-registered D'YDEFS. Ben Odeco Company, and her prospective charterers Chev-

ron/Overseas international, is to go to arbitration in London.
A Ben Odeco spokesman said
he did not know why the Americans would not accept the shipbut it was understood that Chevron was concerned because the ship was delivered three months late. The company bad planned to prove her fully before taking her to Greenland-for drilling overations.

The soir, hullt at the Scott Lingson yard on the Lower Clydy, is designed to drill wells in water depths of 3,000ft while Linggov: yard on the Lower take the ship and to go off Clydy, is designed to drill wells drilling. We have completed in water depths of 3,000ft while our part of the contract by pre-remaining over the site without senting the ship, but they have inchors for three months at a

She was expected to be service by late 1976.

veloped the technology to build this type of ship.

It is building a similar one for a United States Norwegian consortium and is solding for more orders. The achievement is regarded as giring a great boost to Britain's drive to export

conertise. à statement from Ben Odeco said simply that the Ben Ocean Lancer had been accepted fromthe builder and she had been tendered to Chevron.
It went on: " However, a dis-

its offshore technology and

referred to arbitration in Lon-A spokesman for the company

explained: "We have a con-tract with Chorron for them to He said that by arbitration his company meant some type

Argentine bid for Falkland Islands Company appears to be doomed Britain yet with a staunchly Argentine sources have been Banque Occidentale's approach

Attempts by Argentine business interests to buy the Falkland Islands Company, which is all-important to the islanders' walfare, from its British owner, the quoted Charrington Industrial Holdings, now look doomed.

Political and diplomatic difficulties over any deal are im-mense and although Charringmense and atmough Charlogs ton could be a willing seller of the Falkland Islands Government the right price, it is determent the right price, it is determent itself; the British Government would not support such a move."

But the Shackleton report on the islands, 7,500 miles from

any Argentine takeover either of the island or the land on the island owned by the Falklands Islands Company, without the agreement of the islanders. Answering a question in the Commons earlier this week, Mr Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said: "No land can be alieniated on the Falkland Islands without the permission of the Falkland Islands Govern-

concluded that economic operation with Argentina would provide the best future.

So, although any immediate takeover of the Falkland Islands Company by Argentine interests some deal to share development with Argentine business interests may still be worked out.

The mere fact that Charring-ton has had an approach through Banque Occidentale, a subsidiary of Sir James Gold-smith General Occidentale group, is confirmation that

terested. The Falklands company Charrington denies that talks which Charrington bought as interested. with Argentina over the sale have taken place and this is strictly true. It is understood the approach was made by

Banque Occidentale for an unnamed client, and Charrington refused to enter into negotia-But as Senor Hector, Fran-, Fear. cisco Capozzolo, an Argentina businessman, whose interest bought the former properties of Boyril Argentina from Char-rington, has said, he was nego-tiating to buy FIC, it seems likely that he was behind

part of Mr Michael Buckley's invasiment volicle Dunder, Perth and London Securities, made a trading profit of \$82,000 to March, 1976, when wool prices were low, but £575,000 in better conditions the previous

The company, which is invelved in sheep trading and supplying the accounts for about 45 per cent of the islands' gross national product.

In brief

Electricians defy union in Port Talbot strike

immediate return to work.

At a mass meeting the 560 electricians passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Bernard Clarke, area executive council lor for the Electrical, Elec-tronic, Telecommunication and

Plumbing Union.
The first lay-offs began yesterday as management pre-pared to shut down the works y Sunday morning, making more than 8,000 idle. Only the 4,000 white-collar staff and safety-men will go in on Mon-

day.

The strike will cost, more than £1m a day. Mr. Wyn Bevan, £ETPU works convener and strikers' spokesman, said the men would stay out until management recognized their

Nigeria raises duties and bans car imports

Nigeria has banned the im-Nigeria has banned the import of all cars with engine capacity of above 2,500 cc and increased dury on imported liquor by 50 per cent, Lagos Radio said in a broadcast monitored in London yesterday.

The country also raised duty
on several imported goods

which compete with domestic production but reduced or eliminated duties on a wide range of raw materials, the broadcast said. The import of many items, including canned beer, soft drinks, furniture and matches, will be governed by

World Bank aids Kenya International Finance Corporation, part of the World Bank, is providing \$2m (about £1.2m) a one-third stake in a company to aid financial and advisory set up by the Government to services to small and medium study a North Sea gas gathering scale private enterprises in

Electricians on strike at the Keny. It is the first scheme of crippled Port Talbot steelworks its kind and will serve as an vesterday replied to criticism experiment to determine the from their own union representative, who has urged an finance in a developing country.

Faulkner post

Mr Kenneth Cork yesterday handed over the chairmanship of the Government's £50m Northern Ireland Development Agency to Mr Denis Faulkner, brother of the former Ulster Premier killed in a hunting Premier kalled in a hunding accident last month. Mr Cork, senior partner in Cork Gulley & Company, had been chairman of the NIDA and its predecessor, the Northern Ireland Finance Corporation, since 1974. He is to continue his association with the agency as any ciation with the agency as an honorary consoltant. Mr Faulkner was appointed vicechairman a year ago.

Union seeks CU talks The Association of Scientific, chnical and Managerial Staffs has called for an early meeting with the Commercial Union Assurance to negotiate bargain-ing rights after a certificate of independence to the Commercial Union Group Staff Asso-

Two hotels sold for £4m According to reports from Toronto yesterday the purchase price by the ITT subsidiary, Sheraton Hotels of Boston, for the Skyline Heathrow Rotel and the Park Tower Hotel in London has been agreed at \$7m (about \$4m). The hotels are owned by the Canadian Skyline Hotels

Gas pipeline study

British Petroleum, Imperial Chemical Industries, Rio Tinto-Zinc, Total and Elf are to take

Ashland Oil buys £46m Thistle stake By Roger Vielvoye

Energy Correspondent Ashland Oil, a Kentucky-based oil company, is expanding its interest in the North Sea by paying \$78.8m (£46m) for a £43 per cent stake in the Thistle oil field, north-east of the Shedlands.

the Shetlands.

It will be acquiring the stake from another American company. Santa Fe International, which holds a 21.7 per tent interest in the field, which is due to begin producing oil towards the end of next year. Ashland said yesterday that the deal was subject to approval by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, and clearances by other government agencies. Mr Orio E. Atkins, chairman and chief executive of Ashland

day until the transaction was The field is expected to produce a maximum of 220,000 barrels of oil a day through direct loading into tankers initially. Once the Brent pipeline system into Shetland is complete, tanker operations will be discontinued.

said Ashland would reimburse

Santa Fe for one quarter of its development costs from yester-

e discontinued. The deal is one of a number of changes in ownership that have taken place in the Thistle page rates place in the British National Oil Corporation paid 187m for: 65 per cent of Burmah Oil 52 per cent interest in the field and for a 95 per cent interest in Burmah Oil Development, the operating company.

Japan's foreign reserves last month rose \$174m to \$16,997m. This is the highest total since March, 1973, when reserves totalled \$18,125m before falling to \$16,834m in April, 1973. In February, the reserves stood at \$16,823m up \$343m from Jenuary when reserves fell by \$124m.

Japan's reserves up

Our growth since 1967

Unicorn Financial FT.Index

capital growth. The figures show the growth compared with the F.T. Industrial Ordinary Share Index. The growth in unit value has also outperformed the F.T. Actuaries Financial Group Index, up 38.1 % as at 30th March. Moreover, income from the Trust has trebled.

Since launch this Unit Trust has aimed for long-term

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fortunes. So now could be a good time to invest. Domestically strong, the financial sector also has high oversess earnings through the city's invisible exports. The price of units and the income from them can go down

as well as up. You should regard your investment as long term. Price and yields appear daily in the Financial Times, On 1st April the offer price was 53-9p. Initial charge 5%, balf-yearly charge 36%, plus VAT: 12% commission is paid to authorised agents. You can sell units on any business day at the

bid prices ruling when your instructions within the Income is distributed on 15th January and 15th July after tax at the basic rate. Current estimated gross yield £5.51

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New funds for the **US** and Japan

Surinvest, the unit trust and investment management group, is one of the United Kingdom pioneers of index-linked fundsa concept that has become increasingly fashionable in the United States.

Last year it launched its American Index unit trust and was manager to Oceanic's United Kingdom Index Fund. This week it unveiled the Japanese Index Trust, which will invest in 34 major Japanese companies selected by size and sector representation to performance of the Japanese stock market.

The main plank in Surinvest's argument for index linking as opposed to a conventional none of the unit trusts specializing in the Far East or Japan managed to beat the Tokyo index after allowing for the fall in sterling and the rise in the investment currency premium over the past five years. So the figures demonstrate not so much the virtues of index linking as the importance of the method used to fund overseas

Over the five-year period Over the five-year period three major funds rose by an average of 102 per cent as against a rise of 92 per cent in the Tokyo index. But adding in currency gains and the premium brings the latter figure to an equivalent 253 per cent for a United Kingdom resident.

Surinvest has therefore opted to invest with yens bought through the investment currency market rather than by overseas borrowings. Obviously a fund that adopted

obviously a rund that adopted this approach over the past few years would have substantially outperformed the Japanese market merely on the basis of the weakness of sterling. Surinvest is taking the view that sterling is unlikely to stage any sustained recovery. If it did, there would be a disadvantage in investing through the pre-

Investors should be aware, that the currency aspect might well overshadow (for better or for worse) the index matching investment policy. Minimum investment in Surinvest's

Chieftian, the new unit trust group launched last September is equally concerned about the risks of financing overseas

investment by borrowings. It is splitting the portfolio for its new American Trust in roughly and loan investments.

sent, Chieftsin's Peter Potts is upturn in the United States economy this year. Chieftain American Trust will restrict its portfolio to about 40 shares, with the largest slice, 17.8 per cent, to be invested in energy and natural, resource stocks. The minimum holding is £250.

GT Unit Managers have launched the Four Yards Fund mainly for clients of Man-chester sto: ':brokers Charlton Seal Dimmuck & Co, who are acting as ir estment advisors. CSD are recommending the units for their smaller clients

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who may participate through a share exchange scheme. The minimum holding is £250 The new fund is designed to provide growing income and protection of capital. Investment policy is flexible. The portfolio is split between United Kingdom and overseas equities, tilts and cash, the aim being o provide a diversified investnent on traditional unit trust Unit trusts

M&G chief takes the chair

It must seem ironic to many in the City that the chairmanship of the Unit Trust Association, whose members control, at the last count around £2,700m of investors' funds, should have devolved upon M & G's Edgar

Palamountain.
For M & G, founder of the
United Kingdom's unit trust movement back in the 1930s, has often preferred to paddle its own cance in matters where the rest of the industry were inclined to present a common front through the UTA M & G did not even join the association until five years ago.

More recently, in 1975, David Hopkinson, one of the more hawkish representatives on the industry's investment protection committee (IPC) resigned his position as chairman because of the frustrations of attempting to sumulate conmatch as nearly as possible the certed City action over the performance of the Japanese Distillers Company.

M & G still tends to steer its own course. A few weeks ago, when representatives from the unit trusts met Sir Hugh Fraser, then chairman and main share its own private consultation.

But Mr Palamountain, who this week settles into a twoyear tenure as chairman of the UTA, describes M & G's rela-

UTA, describes M & G's relationship with the rest of the industry these days as "very happy, very united".

A spry 58-year-old much given to pacing the floor when explaining a point, Mr Palamountain first joined M & G 19 years ago, rising to manag-ing director and deputy chair-man. He is also chairman of the executive of the Wider Share Ownership Council, a platform that gives him ample scope to expound his highly political views on the economic and in-

vestment scene.
As chairman of the Unit Trust Association his top priority, as was his predecessor's, is the restructuring of the industry's fees. Although negotistions with the Department of Trade appear to have dragged on for ages now, Mr Palamountain feels there is a particular urgency that was not so apparent in previous years. He is concerned that some

unit trust companies will be soon in trouble" on the curreut fee basis. Stockmarkets have been performing badly and asset values have not risen sufficiently to enable fees to keep pace with inflation in management costs. There have already been

Fixed interest investment



Mr Edgar Palamountain: "Institutional involvement with companies is an unresolved and never to be resolved conflict."

small har embarrassing casualties among the fund manage-ment companies, although the links that many groups have with merchant banks has, he feels, comoutleged the difficul-

Management companies, he believes, should be viable enter-prises in their own right, and this he claims is well nigh impossible on the current scale of charges.

He is anxious that the new fee structure should enable groups to be profitable with their existing amount of funds, rather than relying, as he be-lieves many are now doing, on the loading in initial charges on new investment to save them from going into the red on their operations. The UTA is proposing a new

structure consisting of an initial other institutions, should recognize management, premium of 5 per cent plus an nize its responsibility of caring He categorically does not annual charge of § per cent for the interests of its investors believe that the unit trust

as against the current 132 per in more ways than can be satisfied by the requirements of Mr Palamountain is determined good fund management alone". to pursue the matter of charg-ing auditors and trustee fees unitholders rather than to the management company. He argues that, as a point of principle, the unitholders should pay for these services which are, after all, for their own

Most of the unit trust industry will be happy with this, but. Mr Palamountain's thinking on some broader issues appear curiously at variance with the view of others prominent in the

Earlier this week the outgoing UTA chairman Tim Simon, chairman of Target declared: "We also believe that the unit trust industry, in common with other institutions, should recognize its responsibility of caring the association should ensure that "the British investors' interests on a broad range of issues should not go unheard". Mr Palamountain is signifi-

cantly less enthusiastic about the capacity of the unit trust industry to stimulate sluggish or stubborn companies. He believes that the first duty of managers is to the funds encrusted to them. If they do not like the way a company is behaving they should, in most circumstances, sell the shares. Only if the company is so small and the shareholding is so significant should there by any question of the institutions remaining as holders and influ-

movement can hold itself out as the saviour of the small investor, as many commentators would have it do. The whole problem of institutional involvement with companies, he de-clares, is an "unresolved and

never to be resolved conflict", Ultimately the institutions have neither the time nor the capacity to manage, therefore they should think yery care-fully about opposing incumbent managements.

He is conscious of the fact that recent City upheavals have not shown institutional initiative in a particularly potent light. Sir Hugh Fraser, for instance, having been con-fromed by the IPCs' delivered not so much of a slap in the face, more of a knockout punch by them selling out to Lourho. This may be all rather dif-ferent from the knight in shin-ing armour spproach favoured by many in the unit trust in-dustry, but it does have the virtue of being realistic. He is aware that what suits the institutions may not necessarily suit the private shareholder at

He cites the case of Lourho as a prime example of a com-pany whose management is regarded with suspicion by most City institutions. Yet it is a fact, he declares that if the management were altered the company would probably do less well for its shareholders. Although unwilling for the UTA to shoulder any moral commitment to the investing public at large Mr Palamoun-tain is obviously concerned for the investment protection com-mintee to do what limited amount it can to reconcile the

members and present a united front on some issues.

He is very much in favour of strengthening the concept of non executive directors as watchdogs for all shareholders, sithough he admits that events in some of the City's more potorious fieldous have exposed

often conflicting demands of

its shortcomings. But although institutional shareholders have recently found themselves in unwilling receipt of a number of well aimed custard tarts. Mr Pelamountzin maintains, comfortingly, that the investment protection committees will con-tinue to "do more good than

> Margaret Drummond

Tex saving under separate taxetion £34.

Wife's samed income allowance. Strategy changes

may be needed Assuming that the Chancellor on the deductions for personal of the Exchequer gets his satisfactory pay deal the basic rate of max will be reduced from 35

per cent to 33 per cent in 1977-78. Although the thresholds of the rate bands will increase, the higher rates themselves will remein unchanged, so once a person's taxable income exceeds £6,000 the first jump in the tax rate will be from 33 per cent to 40 per cent. This difference of 7 per cent

Budget: taxation

Earnings: Husband

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Single PA

Taxable income

Tex payable

@ 45%

Joint total

Married allowance 1,225

SEPARATE TAXATION OF WIFE'S EARNINGS-1977/78

Incomes

aggregated

10,000

2,030

7,970

2,816

in the lower rates is not the largest in the short history of our unified system of personal taxation. When it first came into being in 1973-74 the besic rate was 30 per cent and the pext rate jumped 10 per cent to 40 per cent.

Nevertheless a seven points difference might give some taxpayers, hovering between 33 per cent and 40 per cent, reason to pause and consider whether some action abould be taken to ensure that they keep themseives within the confines of the basic rate.

It is carable income that counts, which means income from all sources, less personal allowances and deductible outgoings, such as interest paid on one's house mortgage, alimony and maintenance payments made under a legally binding agreement and pension contributious. So a person's income can be considerably higher than £6,000-by the total of the personal allowances and outgoings to be precise—and still be kept within the basic rate band.

Just in case apvone thinks that life insurance premiums reduce taxable income, a reminder that since the changeover to the unified system, life insurance premiums have not been regarded as a personal allowance; any increase in allowance; any increase in week (regardless of the number them will not therefore reduce of children). Those paying tax taxable income. The relief is at the higher rates will suffer a given in terms of tax, one-half of the basic rate times the premiums, so with a reduction in the basic rate to 33 per cent the relief will be 161 per cent instead of the present 175 per cent.

Just how far one is prepared to so to keep out of the 40 per cent slice is a subjective udgment based very much on me's cash requirements. Clearly there is no point in buying a igger and better house to get extra tax relief on interest (the 25,000 loan limit permitting) if means not being able to meet ormal living expenses.

The increase in the single erson's allowance (from £735 0 £805) and the married allownce (from £1,085 to £1,225) combined with the lifting of the breshold in the higher rate hreshold in the higher rate creased thresholds on the first rands, has an interesting result have day after Mey 17, although the far as separate taxation is those with more than one emo far as separate texation is oncerned.

Married couples who in the last have claimed for the sepa-ate taxation of wife's earnings nay find that for 1977/78 it is no longer advantageous to continue to do so. The levels of income at which it will be beneficial for 1977/78 will depend

allowances and outgoings, and the respective samings of the

Separate taxation

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724

2,782

Husband

7.000

6,195

1,880

The illustration in the table gives a guideline. Assuming that that total income consists of £7,000 earned by the husband and £3,000 earned by the wife, and that they have no deductions other than the basic perions other than the basic perions. sound allowances, there is a transverse from assessment of only flat. If there was a mortuare, for example, it would be but to not to claim, flowever, there is plenty of time to think about it, the deadline for w. (death)

of a claim being April 5, 1979. Turning to the investment income surcharge, the thresholds have been increesed resulting in a small tax saving. For these under 65 years of age the stem-ing point is raised from £1,000 to £1,500. The first £500 in excess of £1,500 is taxed at 10 per cent and the excess over. £2,000 is taxed at 15 per cent. The maximum saving is £50

The maximum saving is £50. The over 65s have a higher starting point, which has been increesed from £1,500 to £2,000. The first £500 in excess of £2,000 is rexed at 10 per cent and the excess over £2,500 at 15 per cent, the meximum tax saving being £75.

The amount of tax-free interest on ordinary denosits with the National Savings and Trustee Savious Bank is in-creesed from £40 to £50. This is a useful area of investment for children, as well as adults, as the exempt amount does not count as taxable income and is not therefore taken into account in calculating the child income

linit.
There will be considerable variations in PAYE deductions over the next few months. The reduction in child allowances before Christmas, take effect from the first pay day after

Fathers who pay tax at the basic rate and whose child or children are entitled to child benefit will find that their pay packet is reduced by 70p per larger reduction; 80p a week for those in the 40 per cent rate band; 90p a week for the 45 per cent taxpayers; £1 a week for those in the 50 per cent rate band and so on upwards.

On the other hand mothers can claim £1 a week tax-free henefit for their first child from April 4. As a result the majority of femilies will be a little better off under this new system, but this will not be so where father's tax rate is over 50 per cent.
For the first pay day after

May 17 taxpavers will receive the benefit of the higher personal allowances. A married man paving at the basic rate will raceive an extra 94n a week in his pay packet end a single person or a married working woman will have an extra 470. In general those proing tax at the bigher rates will slso get the benefit of the inplorment may have to wait until after May 31.

In view of its conditional nature no date has yet been announced for the implementation in the tax tables of the lower basic rate.

Vera Di Palma

Courses of action as rates come down

At this stage in the credit cycle. Government is now taking " cer--Thursday's one point cut in tain preparatory steps to issu-minimum lending rate to 9 per ing, will be on the market. The minimum lending rate to 9\ per cent has brought it to within beauty of such bonds is that until Monday. half a point of its 1976 low—I the interest on them goes up with with the interest on them goes up with the interest on the goes up the goes up with the interest on the goes up with the goes up tancès de advocatin inactivity. But not this time. Today, even though I think that ing anyone paying tax at basic on offer today.

The building society. the bull market in gilts has a much better way of riding out

societies will be putting their rates down in the near future. After the banks cut their base rates by a point and their rate to seven-day depositors by 14 points last week this is mevitabla. But in a few weeks' time a National Savings Bank InvessI think it may be possible to
judge the course of future rates
much better.

If, as I "suspect, they are
poised to rise again, you'll have
a lot more freedom of action
thus "serve investment would say that the abswer is
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a pound.

It is true that you could
have got rather more—101 per
cent—on an investment last

than a term investment would have given you. You might have missed some capital gain on investment in a gilt, but you'll have eliminated the possibility of a capital lose, too: and the return you're getting on your investment in the meantime is

therefore more or less hold their capital value. They're a

the building society. that you are not paying any Yes, I know that the building bax at all (in which case building society investment is not for you) then you need the highest return that you can get, even if it means sacrificing a little in the way of flexibility. I would say that the answer is a National Savings Bank Investment Account, which will pay you 10 per cent on as little as

> cent—on an investment last week in local authority yearling bonds: but I reckon that the coupon will be lower on the

next issue on Tuesday.

It is also true that you could have got 10 per cent on a £300 investment with Thurrock, but you would have had to tack your money away for a mimi-What's more, by that time mum of a year, as against a it's quite possible that the float- minimum of a mouth. And in ing rate bond, on which the any case, rates were coming

down so fast on Friday that you 13 per cent with Birming have further to fall, bur not there is no guarantee that that bum. But I really think that much: I would expect them 10 per cent would have held this is the wrong moment for to steady out, at least by the

are so on tucking their money away for a longer period; West come are, of course, as high Derbyshire will give you 12; per cent for a two year investment of £1,000, and the same amount think there is a reasonable on a five-year term will earn

Institution

Building societie

until Monday.

There are, of course, higher

And finelly, what of the high There are, of course, higher And finelly, what of the high for a little more euphoria in taxpayers? The arguments for the gilt-edged market. But if as ever: the only question is by what strategy to obtain it. I think there is a reasonable likelihood abat interest rates

FIXED INTEREST RETURNS AFTER THE RATE FALLS

much: I would expect them to steady out, at least by the summer. So that leaves room free I think it would pay you

to postpone your buying all' Adrienne Gleeson

	Min/max deposit	Term	Gross rate to basic rate taxpayer	How Interes	
•	25p/£10,000 Variable/£10,000	On demend	12 12.9-14.7	Net .	

Clearing benks Deposit accts Med-term deposits†	\$1/\$10,000 \$10,000/\$25,000	7 days' notice 7 days/1 year	5 8}-8 13/16	Gross
Gill-edged stock Treasury 11½% 1979 Treasury 12% 1983 Treasury 13½% 1997	***	Negotiable Negotiable Negotiable	11.2 11.2 12.4	Groes* Gross* Gross
Local authorities Yearling bonds Mortgages	£1,000 (see text)	1 year	109	Gross
FFIT	£1,000/£25,000	3 years 10 years	11 122	Gross
National Savings Nat Savings Bk Investment accts Savings Certificates Brit Savings Bonds	25p/£10,000 £1/‡ £1/£1,000 £5/£10,000	On demand to £30 One month's notice 4 years' maturity 5 years' maturity	7.7 10 11.09 8½	First £50 tax-free Gross Tax-free Gross 4% tax-free bonus on maturity
Trustee Savings Bank Ordinary Special Inv depts	δρ/£10,0 00 5ρ/‡	On demand to £30 7 days' notice	6.15 7	First £40 tax-free Gross

Alliance Building Society tops £1,000 million assets.

At the 113th Annual General Meeting of the Alliance Building Society in Hove on 1st April 1977, Mr. L. Farrer-Brown, Chairman, reported record mortgage lending in 1976 and highlighted the Society's achievement of £7,000 million total assets

18.2% was among the highest achieved by any for funds, if they are to play their pert in sustaining building society in 1976 and that the Society's general reserve had increased to £33 million, help, as they wish, to extend home-ownership, representing 3.31% of total assets compared with 3.05% in the previous year.

The number of shareholders and depositors had increased by over 60,000 and they had made gross investments which averaged £13 million for each working day of the year.

Record lending had been achieved by the Society both as regards the number -25,078 - and the total amount - £224 million - of mortgage advances. This reflected a deliberate policy to maintain lending at as high a level as possible and to this end net liquidity was reduced from 18.4% to 16.4% after allowing for sums held for payments due in January 1977.

in the course of the year two changes were made in the investment and mortgage interest rates freedom to advance home-ownership to the full and what happened as a result illustrated the and it always gives mortgage priority to its necessity for building societies to maintain over the investors.

Mr. Farrer-Brown said that the growth rate of whole range of investments their competitiveness the present scale of home-ownership, let alone

During the last three months of the year when the Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate was raised to 15%, the Society extended the range of its High Income Term Shares in order to attract the required amount of funds to meet the demand for

A recent survey sponsored by the National Economic Development Office shows that three-quarters of those under the age of 45 named the ownership of their house as their ideal choice and a large proportion of them expected to realise that hope within ten years. For this to happen an increasing flow of funds into building societies will be essential. The Alliance seeks the resources and

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Budget: self-employed pensions, annuities

No improvement for the less well-off • Loophole closed

It is the "small priot " which matters—not only in insurance policies but also in Budget speeches. Many hard pressed self-employed may have thought that they will be able free basis, towards a personal before 1916 who soome or pension. The catch is that the allowed to contribute more than 15 per cent. In today's deductions.

the upper limits on contributions for the self-employed and those in non pensionable employment from £2,250 to for those earning less than ination against them.

£15,000. E15,000.

The monetary limits (but not the percentage limits) also is one of the finest forms of

new maximum of £4,000 (or 20 per cent) of net relevant earnings for anyone born in 1907 or earlier.

These rates are for illustration only, ask on application; "Free of tax on residents abroad; \$No limit,

Once again, the Chancellor has failed to acknowledge that it is not only those born before 1916 who should be those earning more than conditions, 15 per cent of earn-£15,000 a year after various ings is unlikely to produce a ings is unlikely to produce a free cash sum, with the leductions.

particularly good pension at remaining pension counting as
It is proposed to increase retirement; the contribution earned income for tax purthe upper limits on contribution needs to be larger than that, poses. Any company which has a good pension scheme for

employees will confirm that, 1916 or later). But the other contribution senerally is a against premature death. While limit of 15 per cent of ner higher percentage of salary the gross premium for this is relevant earnings is not being roll. Understandably, the self-altered. So, there is no change employed feel this is discrimination against them. 13.000 (for anyone born in for reasonable benefits, the

go up for those born in 1915 saving, in view of the tax maximum towards a pension, vely has bought an annuity or earlier—gradually rising to advantages. Full relief of tax with life cover being bought from the individual—paying

butions—so that effectively they are paid on a gross basis from one's top slice of income. The insurance company's pension fund operates on a gross basis and, when one chooses to take the pension (at

any time between the ages of 60 and 75), part of the pension can be exchanged for a tax As before, up to a third of

the maximum contribution can be devoted to a life assurance is written in the pension fund and full relief of tax can be claimed on it) every effort should be made to pay the

can be claimed on one's contri-butions—so that effectively usual relief of half the basic they are paid on a gross basis rate of tax.

cash (probably in instalments), which is likely to be tax free.

In return, regular payments

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as well.

There are two ways in which a Chancellor can plug a tax loop-hole in the life assurance and annuity field. The most common is to apply the new rules to policies arranged after the Budget, leaving existing con-tracts unaffected—as we have seen in the past when the maturity value of single premium life policies became liable to what was then surtax, and the cash option from anuity-based growth bonds became liable to basic rate tax

In blatant cases of tax avoidance, the axe may come down straight away—as happened on Tuesday with "reverse" annuities. Here, a company effecti-

have been made by the individ-ual net of basic rate tax, and relief has been claimed for the higher rates of tax. Effectively, therefore, the idea has been to secure tax free sums in return for gross income which, otherwise, would have been highly taxed.

Now, an individual's payments will no longer qualify for tax relief, and those who have indulged in this practice will have to unscramble the arrangements as best they can. The moral is that those who embark on schemes designed solely for tax avoidance on a long-term basis, may find that, whatever counsel may say, the Chancellor can step in and alter the rules at any stage of

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Investor's week

Muted market response to Mr Healey

response was limited, and investors were not prepared to chase prices much higher.

After a cautious start on Monday both equities and gilts sprang to life late on Tucaday and throughout the whole of the following session. The institutions were back in the market in force for this brief period bringing double-figure

market in morce for one prier period bringing double. Figure rises to many of the "blue chip" equines and unprece-dented rises of up to £3 for many gilts. particular appeal of the Chancellor's proposals was the linking of personal exaction cuts to another round of incomes restraint. This was seen as going some way to resolving the market's concern over the likely reaction of the trade unions to continued pay restraint. But the point remains a background worry and by the end of the week was proving a positive drag on sentiment.

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drag on sentiment.

So the Budget euphoria was short lived and on Thursday the institutions withdrew, profits were taken and all of the Rudget with the profits were taken and all of the Rudget with the profits. were taken and an or the Budget gains were lost. At last night's close of 412.5 the FT Index was 5.6 lower over the week. Market thinking then turned to interest rates and here the signs were rather less encouraging, for the short-term at least. A round of base rate cuts

from the clearing banks was

Though the stock market quickly followed by a full point initially reacted favourably to the Chancelor's package the compared to the Chancelor's package the ing rate. But the move was response was limited, and investors were not prepared to the Eugland's action was seen to be favourable and heavy as a clear indication that it applications are expected when the applications are expected when the application is start on fall further for the time being. did not want interest rates to fall further for the time being. The response from equities was muted, many dealers feeling that with the interest ratespur removed and the Budget already discounted the market is badly in need of fresh

Wednesday.

Bid and speculative shares were quieter than in recent weeks but it looks as if there is an end in sight of the Herhert Morris takeover saga. After turning down three offers from Babcock & Wilcox, the Lunghborough crane maker has agreed to terms worth £8m from incentive.

Like equities, gilt-edged borough crane maker has stocks were little stirred by the agreed to terms worth £8m from MLR move and immediate Hawker Siddeley and the shares rose 26p to 252p.

MAIN RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK

RISES						
Year's	Years	•				
high	low	Company	Movement	Comment		
370p	197p	APV	30p to 362p	Record profits		
272ე	105p	Gallenkamp	82p to 272p	Takeover talks		
173p	100p	Marshall's Univ	18p to 170p	Profit and rights hopes		
252p	64p	H. Morris	26p to 252p	Agreed bid from Hawker Siddeley		
194p	9 2p	Ocean Wilsons	12p to 182p	Dividend hopes and bid talk .		

19p to 201p Profit taking FMC 120 to 1010 Borthwick rejection R. Kitchen 5p to 20p Disappointing figures Fading bid hopes 71p to 51p Royal Insurance 24p to 310p.

6p to 121p, but Legal & General impressed, although the shares lost 4p to 122p. David Mott

Scientific equipment maker Gallenkamp soared 82p to

A. Gallenkamp soaren ozu 272p alter news of takeover talks with an unidentified

company.

The shares have been bought

speculatively for a couple of weeks now and, as the company is a substantial overseas earner, were initially firm on dividend liopes. Meat group FMC, down 12p to 101p, turned down an approach from fellow

down an approach from fellow trader Thomas Borthwick and NFU Trust, a substantial FMC shareholder, has also rejected

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names like Tube Investments

392p, Lucas 245p, Cadbury Schweppes 441p, and Bowater

196p, were all received favour-

ably. But this was not the case

with London Brick at 50p after

profits at the lower end of the range of estimates. Inter-national group Dalgery, down

favourable results the insurance

is likely to cost the industry up to 5200m. Underwriting results

from the Prudential were dis-appointing and the shares lost

the offer.

Pensions

Reviewing post-retirement benefit

occupational pension scheme which allows increases on pensions after they start to be paid, you may well find that the arrangements are revised

In April 1978 the new earnings related state pension scheme starts. Before then— long before then—decisions will have to be taken about contracting out. The option open to "good" occupational pension schemes is to take over the responsibility for the part of the new pension in excess of the flat-rate basic pension, in exchange for a reduction in the national insurance contributions payable by both employer and

One feature of the new state scheme is the in-built protection against inflation. The earnings on which the pension is calculated will be adjusted by reference to national average earnings. The pension, once it becomes payable, will similiarly be revised annually in line with a prices or earnings index.

If a scheme is contracted out, it will have to match the protection up to retirement. There will have to be a "guaranteed minimum pension" on a similar basis to the state scheme earnings related element, and the basic formula for calculating

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If you are a member of an pensions will also have to be teed minimum pension, based on either "final" pay or on average pay throughout membership with the same sort of adjustment for changes in earnings levels as is included

30p

13p

65p

in the state scheme. After retirement, however, there will be no requirement to review the pension. In respect of the guaranteed minimum pension the national insurance fund will accept responsibility for the increases. This will be achieved by paying, as part of the state pension, the increases which would have been due if the pensioner had never been the pensioner had never been contracted out.

The result will be that, in an occupational scheme which has provision for pensions to increase and which contracts out, members will receive double increases on the guaranteed minimum pension part, once from their own scheme and

once from the state. What is done about this will depend on circumstances. If the scheme has a fixed rate of increase, pensions probably fail to keep pace with inflation and there is a strong argument for continuing the increases on the whole occupational scheme

pension.
If increases have been running at a higher rate, this argument is no longer valid; unless the occupational scheme increases exclude the guaran-

income from state and occupational scheme combined may well increase at a higher rate than either changes in money values or the earnings generally of those still in

employment.
In the case of a scheme with an index-linked pension (or one which in fact achieves that level of increase, without for-mal indexation) there clearly must be a rate of increase greater than is required to protect the pensioner, or even give him his fair share of any general increase in prosperity of the community as a whole. In this case the occupational scheme, if it contracts out, is almost certain to consider amendments to exclude guaranteed minimum pensions from

any increases. In many schemes the decision about a possible modification of the increase arrangements will be based on other considerations. The rate of contribution to the national insurance scheme by both employers and employees will be lower in cases where the employee is contracted out. The saving will be significantly larger than the expected increase in national insurance contributions next April, although there will be very much larger increases to come over the next 30 years. The saving will also be much

greater than the cost in most of the better schemes of intro-ducing these modifications necessary to meet the contract ing out requirements.

In many schemes the net result is likely to be that the employer's total cost, national insurance contributions and his own pension scheme contribu-tions combined, will go down by perhaps 1 per cent to 2 per cent of pay roll, even if the members are allowed to keep the whole of the reduction in their own national insurance contributions—21 per cent sav-ing from contracting out less a small increase in the general level of contributions on the introduction of the new scheme.

Not many employers in this position are likely to feel like defending a reduction from the level of benefits already being provided. The only circumstances which might make this step salable to the members are if some of the other benefits under the scheme are being improved at the same time. This is more likely in a scheme where the benefits are more modest—but, of course, such a scheme is less likely to have generous pension increase arrangements and therefore less likely to face the problem in the first place.

Aged 43, Mr Simons was at first primarily responsible for promotion and sales co-ordination until he was appointed deputy chairman in Juna 1973. He was instrumental in building Denbywere's US sales presence through his presidency of the Cincinatti-based tableware importer. Miliard-Eric Brunet

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and Income funds (progress this year and the nest three years). Unliholder index: 1790.2; rise from January 1,

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London-based Erith, the builders' merchant.

Sales rose from £17.25m to £20.79m, pre-tax profits by 14 per cent to £958,000 and earnings a share from 8.63p to 9.83p; so the gross dividend goes up from a maximum 6.94p to 7.38p.

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Stock markets

Hangover on politics and interest rates

The lack of an immediate inunfavourably with the terms of to 272p, but Pilkington, talked
the new "tap". In such cases, of as a possible suitor, lost
falls were up to £1. But the ground heavily to close 15p off
and to an eventful week for short end saw a little late buy- at 320p. Others speculatively centive and some political un-certainty brought a miser: h'e end to an eventful week for

both equities and siles.

With buyers adopting an exwith buyers accopting an ex-tremely cautious and selective approach, light profit-taking was enough to lower the FT Index 6.9, for a close of 412.5. This was its low point of the day and was its low point the day and over the week the loss was 5.6.

Dealers said that with interest rates unlikely to fall again for some time and the Budget fully discounted, there was little for. investors to go for and most shares drifted through lack of interest. A background concern was the Government's fragile

wish the covernment's ragne voting position, made worse by the Stechlerd by-enction result and of particular significance because of Monday's Budget

4p to 235p, announced a £12m rights issue while Spirax-Sarco, up 19p to 196p, was another raising cash.

In spite of a clutch of mainly Expect Regrolle Parsons to move sharply if, as is strongly suggested, the Government allows the early ordering of Stage Tipo of the coal-fired power station at Drax in York-shire. Soon we should hear that profits jumped from £5.26m to sector remained depressed by the Tenerife air disaster which ot least £10m and some sa tilm last year and full restora-tion of the dividend is also possible. The shares are now

> In the glit-edged market, the new "tap" and the prospect of floating-rate bonds gave an early boost to long dates. But the buying was not strong enough to counter profit-raking and by the close most stocks were up to £1 lower and at the

"Shorts" were also hit by profit-taking with losses of half point, and selectively even more where stocks compared

Decebyware, the oven and tableware manufacturer, announced yesterday that it has been musually agreed that Mr

Lionel Simons, deputy chairman and managing director, resign with immediate effect following fundamental policy differences in recent months.

Mr Simons owns 27.56 per

cent of the Denbyware equity of which a US company Inter-ceram has an iterest of 21.42 per cent. Interceram is a joint

company set up when Denby-ware was first floated seven years ago with Sherwood Re-fractories and the former Rolls-

Royce. Aged 43, Mr Simons was a

tableware importer, Miliard-Norman.

yesterday.

Up goes the gross dividend by the maximum from 3.63p to 4p and there is a one-for-one scrip issue as well.

In its interim statement last October, the board reported pressure on margins.

Breedon keeps

downturn at bay

Government cutbacks have not yet robbed Breedon and Cloud Hill Lime Works of the

the Government apart, weather is not always a friend of roadbuilders and limestone

The Botswana Government announced yesterday that a diamond pipe had been discovered under the Kalahari desert by De Beers. Although further evaluation work has to be carried out, the government said that it appears to be a major discovery and that other companies who had given up exporing the area would be well advised to look again.

Erith quietens down

Record 1976 sales, profits, and payout, are reported by London-based Erith, the buil-

The pace, however, may be

after hat trick

Kalahari diamonds

for De Beers

Miller peak

again and

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ing and many stocks were just a shade firmer in "late, late"

dealings.

Among the "blue chips", the reviest losers were ICI 9p to 354p, Unilever 8p to 460p and Glaxo, whose interior figures are due on Monday, 8p to 485p. Market estimates of the last a med's profits range between

dealings.

The big engineers also lost ground with Tubes Investments reacting a further %p-to 302p after figures and Metal Suslower by 4p to 286p. APV was another to fall after gaining ground on earlier figures and this time the decline was 8p to

speculative stocks. Herbert Morris, whose agreed bid from Hawker Siddelev was forecast in this column, gained a further 5p to 252p, making a rise of 26p over the week. But Hawker resetted 6p to 516p. After news of an approach,

wanted were James Warren up
5p to 74p, Crosby House, an
active stocks and 9p better at
123p on bid hopes and Hunting
Associated where the rise was

But profit-taking knocked 7p from L. Gardner at 203p, while for the same reason Tecalemit were a penny lower at 91p. The Chancelior's threat to raise beer prices if the petrol vote is lost on Monday brought a late reaction from breweries

with Tollemache down 5p to 130p, Bass Charrington 3p to 109p, Whitbread "A" 3p to 73p, Allied 23p to 70p and Guimess 3p to 138p. In the textile sector, Lincroft Kilgour added 4p to 45p on the news of a Win Reed stake From the list of bid and Herbert

> after profits. Press comment helped Syltone to rise 3p to 59p, but lower earnings clipped 2p from Stauley Miller at 100.

and F. Miller gained 2p to 47p

Gallenkamp firmed another 2p. Hambro Life rose 2p to 212p

Latest dividends

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	2.71	23/6	5.37	5.37
1.3	1.2	10/6.	2.6	2.36
0.63	0.63	24/5	1.15	1.15*
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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Adjusted for scrip.

Wrightson 10p to 234p and Willis Faber 5p to 252p. Among the composites, Royal lost more ground, this time closing another 6p lower at 310p.

Associated Fisheries seems a situation that will be resolved sconer or later. Eastern Pro-duce could eventually sell its one-third stake and that where Imperial Group could enter the scene. In a sense it is already there, as a share-holder in leading subsidiary. British United Travlers. Profits of Associated Fisheries are rising strongly. The shares are now 52p. They have come un from 36p since September when we last mentioned them.

The clearing banks, all ended 50 down with Lloyds at 210; National West · 235p. Midland 280p and Barclays 260p.

After rising on interest-rate hopes, properties were hit by profit-taking with Bernard Sunley off 7p to 154p and Land Securities 4p to 171p. The firm exception was Allnatt London which put on Sp, for a finish

of 149p. Equity turnover on March 31 was £68.98m (19.984 bargains). was 168.98m (19.984 bargarns).
Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICL BAT Did, GEC, Barclays, Beecham, BP, Distilers, Shell, Burmah, Middand, BAT ord, Town & City, National Westminster, Imperial Group, GKN, Gallenkomp, Terslemie Harbers, Mccris Group, GKN, Gallenkomp, Tecalemit, Herberg Morris, Hunting Associated, Crosby

Outlook is good as Scottish **Mr Simons** TV returns to its old form Denbyware the results, where the yield is

By Tony May

The surge seen at Scottish Television at half time has continued. Last year the group nearly equalled its best-ever sales, an increase of 32.6 per pre-tax profit of £1.44m, ach-

Equally encouraging, since the start of 1977 advertising revenue has risen strongly and Mr J. Campbell Fraser, chairman, says that the first quarter was 38 per cent up on last year. On the other hand costs are also rising mainly on increased programme expenditure, "but the board is encouraged by the

for the year against a single payment of 2p last year. The shares hardened 1p to 34p on

1977 at least".

Turnover for 1976 rose 33 percent to £12m with £11.6m being brought in by advertising cent. Other revenue went up 38 per cent to £383,000.

Pre-tax profits jumped more than 63 per cent to £1.4m after deducting £1.27m against £560,000 for Exchequer levy. This independent station serving central Scotland resumed interim dividend payments in October and is now paying a maximum total of 3.25p gross

—better than for the industry Mr Campbell Fraser said that current income was up. He cvpected even better things this

In the second half year, the group pushed its profits up 19 per cent to £771,000 on adver 14ing sales of £6.1m—a rise of 22 per cent. Other income spuried 58 per cent to £277,000.

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Exchange

9.5 per cent.
Profits at half-time quadrupled to £635,000, a continuation of the improvement which

started in the second half of

1975. Advertising was buoyant and showed a 46.5 per cent rise

Abridged Particulars

Issue of 500,000 Participating Shares of lp each fully paid at £10 each

Surinvest Japanese Index Trust Limited Strip too Since going public in 1968, Glasgow-based F. Miller (Taxtiles) has done better every year and the latest 12 months were no exception. In the year to February 13, sales rose by 17.65 per cent to £4.12m, and pre-tax profits were 13.5 per cent to the good at £956,000, despite heavier interest of £265,000, against £204,000. The shares rose yesterday.

(Incorporated in Jersey under the Companies (Jersey) Laws 1861 to 1968)

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THE UNITED STATES DEBENTURE CORPORATION Year Ended 31st January, 1977.

Extracts from the Directors' Report.

During our financial year ended 31st January, 1977 stock markets.

In the United Kingdom and America, our principal areas of investment, falled to continue their strong rises of the previous year and experienced mild declines to lower levels. In the United Kingdom, the Financial Times Industrial Ordinary Share Index decreased by 6.4 per cent., and in America, the Dow Jones decreased by 6.4 per cent., and in America, the Dow Jones Industrial Index, as adjusted for movements in the investment doller premium and the exchange rate, fall by 10.9 per cent. whilst the value of the Trust's not assets fell by only 1.9 per cent. In the case of the Financial Times Industrial Ordinary Share Index, it should be noted that the modest fall to 390.5 at the year-end by no means reflected the extremely volatile conditions in the United Kinglog stock market during the year. Indeed, at the and of Kingdom stock market during the year, Indeed, at the end of October, this index had suffered a severe fall to 265.3 largely as a result of the pound sterling crisis. The classification and distribution of net assets shows that the

The classification and distribution of her assets share the international spread of your Company's investments was little changed with 56.8 per cent. (55.9 per cent. last year) of total assets being invested in the United Kingdom and the balance overseas, largely in North America. The classification also shows that the proportion of total assets in the oil, gas and exploration sector increased to 16.2 per cent. largely due to our policy of

sector increased to 16.2 per cent. largely due to our policy of favouring energy-related investments. It is astisfying to report that, despite the continuance of 10 per cent. dividend restraint in the United Kingdom, your trust's after tax revenue available for ordinary stockholders advanced by 19.2 per cent. The restraint imposed on the rates of United Kingdom dividend income was to some extent offset by the remittances of overseas dividends in currencies stronger than the pound sterling. It gives your Board pleasure to recommend that, resulting from this revenue strength, the total net dividend per stock unit for the year be increased by 15.0 per cent. t. 3.06p (1976 2.66p), almost matching the 16.6 per cent. increase in the Retail Price Index. Whilst the notional dividend on the Financial Times All Share Index has increased by 55.4 per cent. over the last five years, your own gross dividend has increased by 70.9 per cent. Until such time that we can see clear evidence that the Government's forecasts and indications are becoming translated into genuine economic improvement, it is our intention to Government's forecasts and indications are becoming delisated into genuine economic improvement, it is our intention to maintain our high overseas content by direct international investment and also through the medium of British multi-national companies having either a substantial overseas capability or a high companies having either a substantial oversess capacitive of any degree of exported sales. Whilst we are more hopeful than a year ago, we are none the less mindful that the past promises and forecasts of this Government have saldom materialised as originally invisaged by them. Therefore, in the shorter term, we believe that United States of America (representing 36.1 per cent. of assets) to the prospect for capital appreciation and unrestrained

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In London

Cloud Hill Lime Works of the knack of keeping profits moving with turnover. They rose from £2.55m to £2.67m in the year to January 31, and pre-tax profits from £673,000 to £719,000, another record. Up goes gross payment from 8.16p to 8.98p.

However, pre-tax profits slipped from £407,000 to £373,000 in the first helf, and, the Government apart, weather

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too hot to last. Sales in the second half of 1976 equalled those of the first six months but the rate of increase slowed down, as did the building indus-try. So it has continued.

Shareholder attack on **GRA** before lively AGM

By John Brennan GRA Property Trust, the greyhound stadium operator trading under a scheme of arrangement set up last year as an alterna-tive to liquidation, faces a stormy annual meeting later this month.

GRA's board, which yesterday reported a £655,000 pre-tax loss for the year to October 31 last, s heavily criticized in a shareholders' association circular, also posted yesterday.

The association seeks board representation at the annual meeting on April 25, and pro-poses a detailed examination of GRA share deals as well as inquirles into recent events in

the group.

In its heavily qualified annual accounts GRA reports that \$2.5m has been realized from sales of assets since November 1975, and that £2.1m of secured debts, and £1m of unsecured loans have been repaid in the

By March 1977 GRA's bor towings and accumulated interest charges amounted to interest charges amounted to £14.5m against negative shareholders funds of £3.8m.
GRA's principal creditor,
ICI's pension fund, is owed
110.8m and under the terms of
a new convertible loan ICI
could acquire 45 per cent of the group after 1980. GRA still retains its two key assets, a Coral Leisure Group—valued at 5m—and the White City

Stadium.
But Stock Conversion, the property group, has revised its m agreement to purchase the White City and GRA has now forfeited the right to partici-

Hard times hit Stanley Miller

Despite a rise of 6 per cent in turnover to £13.6m, the pre-tax profits of building contrac-tor and civil engineer Stanley Miller Holdings dropped 47 per cent to £170,500 in 1976.

CARCALLAND | Company | There is no sign of a let-up and Mr E. Bell, chairman, thinks that conditions will not Turnover will be reduced, and margins, down from 2.5 per cent to 1.24 per cent last year, will continue under pressure.
The dividend is, however, held at 1.77p gross, after adjusting for a scrip issue, while earnings a share were 1.42p against 2.53p adjusted. At half time the fall in profits was 14 per cent to £94,000. In the second balf however, the

full was 66 per cent to £70,000.

Magnolia stumbles Magnolia Group's sales grew

from £2.83m to £3.64m in 1976, but pre-tax profits fell from 1975's record £531,000 to £459,000. Last year's results were de-

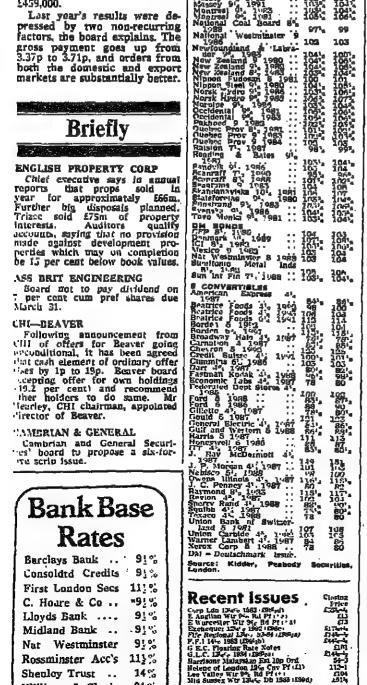
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at the end of February stood at 240,373 tous, up from 235,722 tons a year before.

The Bank of England's sterling index closed at 61.8, unchanged throughout the day.

Gold closed in London at \$149.125 an ounce, \$1 up on the Spot Position of Sterling Output of lead ores and concentrates amounted to 18,806 tons, down from 20,418 tons in January and about 6 per cent below February, 1976, levels.

Stocks of refined lead held by producers at the end of February stood at 92,342 tons, compared with 94,210 tons a year earlier.

Production of rinc in the OECD European area in February amounted to 126,776 tons, down from 130,044 tons in January but about 19 per cent above that of February, 1976.

Output of rinc ores and concentrates during the months decilned to 44,304 tons from 45,533 tons in January, but was slightly above year-ago levels.

Stocks of zinc held by producers at the end of February stood at Forward Levels Paris

Foreign

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tively, dealers said.

The Canadian dollar and

Japanese yen maintained earlier

gains against the US dollar at the

close of trading in Europe yester-

day, being quoted at around

95.01-06 and 275.90-276.10 respec-

The Canadian dollar was boosted

by favourable reaction—especially in New York—to the Canadian budget, while the yen moved ahead very strongly on sales of dollar export bills by Japanese exporters.

Sterling traded very quietly just under the \$1.72 level at around \$1.7194-97 and some dealers said the Bank of England may have intervened lightly to steady the rate on both sides.

The pound closed at \$1.7195, 6 points down on the day.

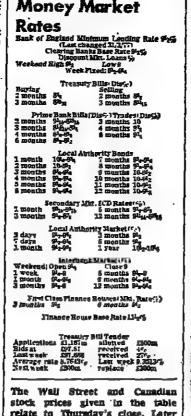
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Enredellar deposits (%) nalis, 44-8; seven days, 44-5; one mouth, 64-5; three months, 5-64; six months, 5-64; Gold

Discount market Extremely patchy conditions prevailed in Lombard Street vesterday with some houses fairly comfortably placed and others quite short. Overall, money was tight and the Bank of England

was required to give large-scale The authorities leut a moderate sum over the weekend to three or four houses at the 9½ per cent MLR—for purely technical reasons—and also bought a small amount of Treasury bills directly from the

The help was thought to have been under-done, although, rather surprisingly, overnight money in the interbank market did get down to 5 per cent quite late in the day, however. The market closed somewhere between 8 and 91 per

Money Market



relate to Thursday's close. Leter publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in United States.

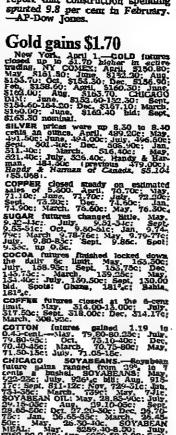
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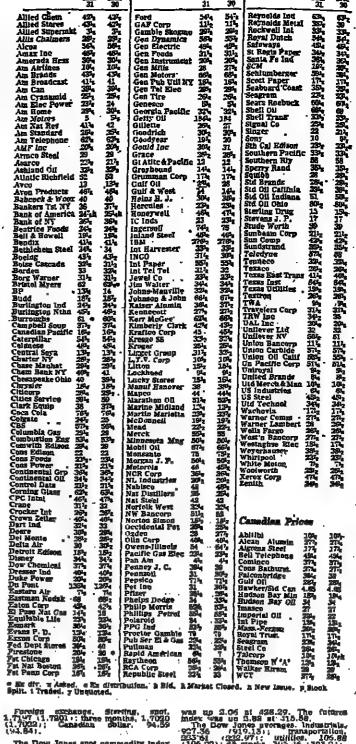
New York, April 1.—Stock prices closed sharply higher on favourable economic news, but the gain came on relatively light

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 8.23 points to 927.36. Volume totalled 17.05 million shares compared with 16.51 million on Thursday.

Analysts said the gain was encouraged by news after Thursday's close of a decline in the money supply, a drop in the March unemployment rate and a report that construction spending spurted 9.8 per cent in February.

—AF-Dow Jones.





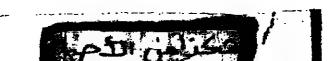
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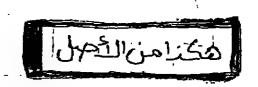
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the age of sex. Adorable little drawstring bags of rough sack-ing, printed like a butcher's bag with Merry Paul's name, are 35p and they make an intriguing wrapping—these are free with some costlier goodles like rum truffles. They would post from the branch at 10 Victoria Arcade, Victoria Street, London, SW1 (01-834 6320). Other branches are at 59 Fleet Street, Sloane Square

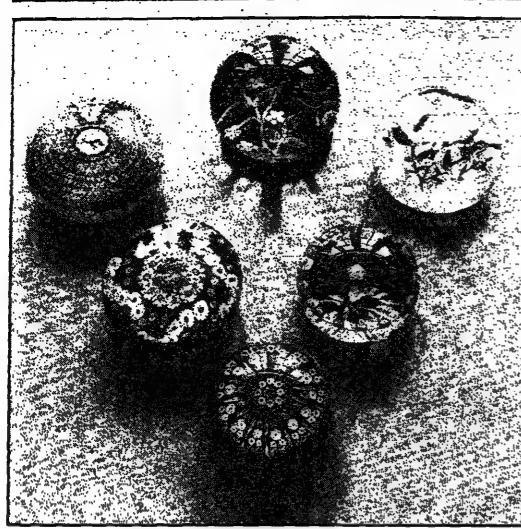
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Sheila Black

It may be too late to tell you about Jennifer King this Easter but her handpainted eggs are dainty gifts for any time of the year and highly original thank yous or greetings. She blows large hen's eggs and paints them with flowers of the cornfield, violets, camomile, red campions, bell flowers with Jacob's Ladder, and hedgerow flowers in silhouette. A summer garden series features blue or yellow butterflies with orange or red flowers, tagetes, rose with lily of the valley, or clusters in a choice of basic colours. Her birds include owls, cockerels, or exotic types. Alternatively what about messages like "I love.

vou " or " Get well for me " or " Be happy " She charges £1 per egg plus 35p for postage and packing. Eggs for special occasions like Easter sell in presentation boxes and cost £1.95 or £2.45. She makes mobiles and all sorts of exciting possibilities and will send a little descriptive piece of paper for these as well as for things like hand-embroidered garments, wooden or soft toys, leather, enamelled jewelry and that kind of thing Please send a good-sized stamped, self. addressed envelope if you want more data from Jennifer King, Seffrons, Spinney Close, Pelsall, Staffs WS3 4LB (Pelsall



■ Gless paperweights are popular collector's items because they do not need to cost the earth, take up compara-tively little space even in small nomes, look lovely and make good conversation pieces and are still to be found as beautifully made as ever they were. At Sotheby's recent sale of glass panerweights there were some superb pieces, whether modern, Venetlan, Bohemian, floral or formal. At Asprey, there is always a good selection of Baccarat glass paperweights at prices from approximately £75 to £250 or mora. This French company's glass and crystal is the finest of its kind still being made and I recommend anyone who visits Paris to go to the showrooms in the Clichy Lily rue du Paradis. Tucked away of the Valley on rosé behind narrow shooning streets is the finest, airy, light museum of crystal I have ever seen, and wine ground, sold at Sotheby's for £8,500 the guides hand out history with the information so that

so they make gifts that do not proclaim their price to the reci-pient yet always look as if they cost more than they actually If you went to spend £1.50 on paperweights, go to The Thomas Coram Foundation at 40

Brunswick Square (north-east corner of this wide-open space by Coram Hill Fields, full of flowers and grass and occa-sional sunshine and a lovely part of Loudon). Wander round to look at the Art Treasures (open from about 10 am to 4.30 except when there are conferences so it may be worth telephoning 01-278 2424 first) then buy paperweights which ancapsulate some part of the paintings or engravings. The paperweights are half-rounds of glass with felt bases. There are two prints of the original Foundling Hospital, demolished from the Fields in 1925, and very impressive; a lovely view of The Charter House by Gains-borough, which fits so well into borough, which his so wen into the paperweight because the original was painted as a round; a bust of Handel by Roubiliac and a Hogarth painting of Cap-tain Thomas Coram himself. The charity, founded in 1739, still-concerns itself with child-ren, running a special foster-ing service and trying to find adoptive parents for hard to

on April 14 and 15, Six experts, covering Oriental, silver, furni-ture, pictures, coins, notes, chine and objects will be there to see anything you might wish to sell, to appraise, to value and to buy if you decide to part with some of your treasures—auction companies have done this kind of thing before but it is a first for Spink and the difference is that they can buy on

the spot.

idea is the Lock, Stock and Barrel scheme, dreamed up by Graham Child, furniture buyer for so many of the 11 years he has been there and a director who innovates. He learnt that people seem to want to sell everything more often than just a few things—the object being to clear some kind of legacy, change directions in life, raise a specific sum, any So ha now clears it entirely even to the last, lost, dirty toothbrush at the back of a cupboard, sweeps out and leaves the place empty. Anything worth restoration gets the Spink treatment and goes into the St James's showroom for two or three months the table may turn out to be really valuable or the chair could be a Hepplewhite or Chippendale. Spink then keeps 20 per cent of the actual sale price and refunds the rest over and above the spot price paid for the whole houseful if nobody origiwhose industrial is nothing of the value of special pieces. Sellers get immediate cash—none of the long waits entailed by sending to auction and waiting for your specialist categories to come up. The trade being what it is, prices might even be better as dealers are sometimes inclined to pay more for "unseen" goods than for much-viewed salernom goods.

Solicitors or inheritors love this system which has resulted in some very odd transactions like a Croydon warehouse and old houses that had been shut up for years; one man who unlocked his "legacy" found masses of toys which he offered to local children who tended to to local children who tended to spure such outdated toys but Spink got £200 for them. Obviously they do not buy loads of rubbish but they are not by any means unapproachable or over-selective. Graham Childi loves saying "I've got a hammer and the power to bring it down fast on a cash price". Find our more from Spink and Son (01-930 7888).

for Easter and instead start buying small, useful presents. But all too often end up buying the fripperies as well and giving both. Most of the fun, however, involves that Easter morning breakfast, brunch or what-ever you make of this particular festival and even more fun can be had by getting ready a lineoe had by getting ready a lineup of pretty or amusing eggs
in advance. If you think
nobody is going to eat all the
hard-boiled eggs the family
want to dress up, blow a few
as you would birds' eggs (only
not rare birds, please). Give
these rather fragile things to
careful people, using the
lineards for cooking. careful people, using the his nose (or paint a piece innards for cooking bu'lev with nail varnish). P. Here are some simple ideas, all features with Pentel

The semi-bald man's eyebrows fibre-tipped pens. Eggs dyed

■ I usually resolve not to and hair are of cotton wool, tritter money on chocolate eggs. The grains came from farmers seed shops or similar country shops if you want them golden but packet barley works too. A plasticine nose and a piece of wool make the cross-eyed egg, while felt cars, nose and teeth add character to the button eyes. of the central egg. Tint the next egg with icing colours (perfectly safe, this) and tie with lace, which does not slip, then top with narrow ribbon. For the marbled egg, drop some oil. paint on a saucer of water and paint. The pirate has a rag hair, a wool moustache, paper eve patch and a red bead for his nose for paint a piece of burley with nail varnish). Paint

in saffron, coclaineal and other food colourings make a pretry sight dressed on spring leaves in a shallow basket and trimmed in a snation basket and frimmen with catkins. Make the eggs a suppertime dish so that everyone can enjoy them all day—suppertime on Monday would be even better. These ideas by designer Januar Houston should spark off heaps of your own.

Our eggs all stand in the Long John Silver eggcups from Christooder Strangeways, 502 Kings Road, London, SW10 (01-

all over the country in a whita lustre pottery with blue striped socks, black shoe and wood-coloured peg leg at £2 each. Walking eggcups with two Walking eggcups with two whole legs and feet are £1.45 each. They can be posted for 75p extra the set of four if you do not find them locally. Readers are probably familiar with the teachers. with the teachos, teapots and other walking pottery from Strangeways, all of which is es practical and functional as it is quaint. An eggcup can cost less then a chocolate egg and be used for years.

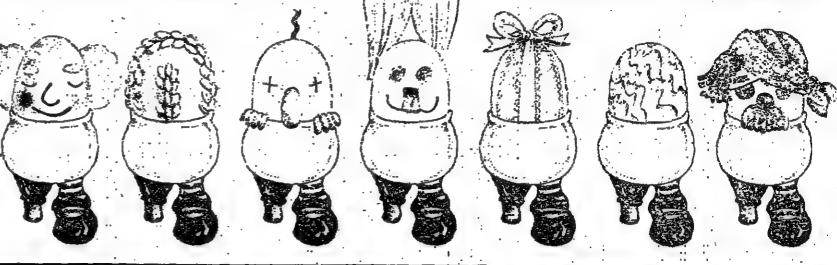
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If giving, make the gift rather grand, like the hen's eng delicately painted with Chinese birds and delicate foliage, on a nest of ruched silk and all

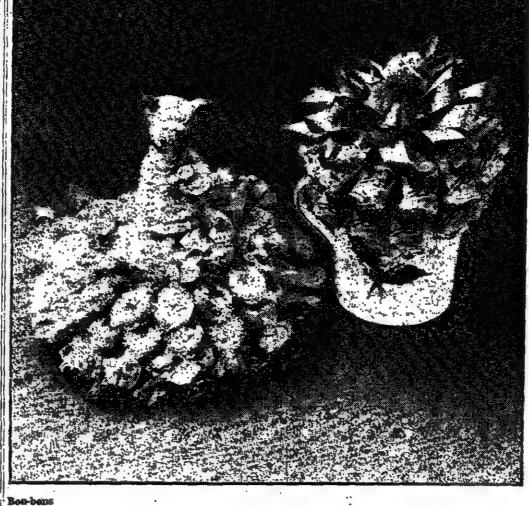
352 9863). They are on sale at sealed into a little glass show case bound in black lacouer at E3 from Jacksons, of Piccacilly, It looks more excensive and is 60p extra by mail—the address is 172 Piccadilly; London, Wi. For personal shoppers, there is also a lacksons et 6A Sloune Street, London, SW1.

The animals with burben billocks beneath them or with rows of chocolates on which to nest are many and varied. The photograph shows two examples photograph shows two examples at £4.50 each (75p postage and packing) and the chocolates on the right are ribbon-tied aton a mug with a lily-of-the-valley pattern. Incidentally, Jacksons sells 100 packets of powdered, non-toxic dye for eags, as well as transfers of rabbits which as transfers of rabbits, chicks and flowers to press gently on to eggs (10p a transfer).









Painted egg

I I cannot think why I went into Partymad is a shop specializing in party accessories, from room to table decorations, for indoors or out, for any party occasion. Little birds' nests baskets are 45p or its kind. 55p and look adorable

(postage is, I'm afraid, as much as one of the baskets at 44p). The shop will cater for any and every occasion and is at 67 Gloucester Avenue, London NW1 (01-586 0169)

Kodak wondering what on earth I was going to see after all the publicity given to Kodak's efforts to produce the instant camera. But I had forgotten all that and was childishly enthralled when I started playing with the camera, which beats anything else of

You aim at the subject in that simple, foolproof way associated with the Instamatic range of cameras, it being Kodak's belief that many hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic novices take photographs so they need to be protected from their own mistakes. This camera shows a golden ring in the viewing aperture. Frame the centre of your photograph in that ring—bringing the halo close to the edge of the face, for instance. Check the environment, then photograph. Focusing is automatic and most results are best on normal although the aperture opens and closes. The flash is automatic and eight bulbs are fixed stop the camera in a special frame. It cannot be fired accidentally

but only when a photo is being taken. Then the fun begins. The camera makes a slight whirring noise and slides out a print. Leave it on the table or anywhere while the image slowly appears, fully developing in eight minutes. There is nothing to peel off, no mess, no stickiness, and every picture is delivered dry and satiny. The chemicals locked into the blackened back become harmless and cannot escape—at any rate unless gouged out although there is nothing much to gouge. The nice thing is that the British company had a lot to do with

this marvellous invention and Jubilee year seems an ideal launching time.
There are three types. The EK4 has

everything the costlier models have but the print has to be wound out by hand which is no great effort—the price is about £49. The EK6 is automaric in giving birth to the print and costs £63. The EK8 has various professional extras like a coupled coincident rangefinder, sophisticated aperture and so on (£105). Film packs with 10 print units cost £4.80. A three-year guarantee goes with each model and it is widely stocked—details from Kodak at Station Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP1 1JU. For nearly 30 years now, the Polaroid company has been experimenting with instant movies and has much hope in a new system under test. Kodak is hardly going to let that one stop them.

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I will ber that thousands of you have Mahonia in your gardens. You enjoy the early colour and flowering because there is so little else in bloom at that time. You probably like the fact that it is evergreen, glossy and cares little about special soils or locations; that it reproduces easily—perhaps too easily-by suckers and that nothing seems to kill or spoil its spreading erectness.

But I will bet that thousands do not know you can eat those levely, purple-blue oblong berries of autumn, more often either ignored or added to flower decorations than harvested for the larder. Yet the Mahonia berries were long marketed in America as Oregon Grapes and were very popular for jams, jellies, sauces and preserves. They are still popular bur too widely grown to be attractive as commercial-marketing products in most areas.

I learnt this from a hardback book that has been a fascination for me ever since I discovered it at last year's Chelsea Flower Show. The book is full of tempting excitements for the gardener, indoors or out, and now is the time to buy it and to start experimenting. With light indoor spaces or with greenhouses, you can grow mango, paw paw, gnava and a lot of other exotics. Out of doors you can grow a host of unusual fruits like cranberries or blueberries, as well as those we all know so well. My own indoor garden is beginning to live up to the list of the book's contents which reads like a world ramble of orchards, while my daughter's large conservatory now has huge banana plants, healthy pine- once £4.50). I have found that every friend whapple, and a couple of variations of passion fruit which wants one. Bookshops or direct—add 30p postage. and the second second

fruits juicily. My miniature and not-so-miniature oranges and lemons go into sauces, look good all year round in their pots, perfume my room when in blossom and give me

You can buy seeds of many exotics like Cherimoya (custard apple; and the spelling varies from one expert to another when translated into English), guava, papaya, fruit salad bush and so on from Thompson and Morgan, of London Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Hilliers, of Winchester, sell such things as cranberries, and Thomas Rivers and Son, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, sell citrus trees of all kinds although the current season is sold out. You can buy the actual fresh fruits from high class greengrocers or department stores, like Harrods and Fortnums, then sow the seeds yourself. Not cheaper, even if you buy one fruit which yields many seeds, but fruit seeds often grow better when planted straight from the fruit, in my experience. These exotics start slowly but look splendid when they start fruiting. which may be anything from 18 months to four years, according to type. However, not all fruits can be grown from seed so do buy the book first, then plot your unusual orchards. It is called Growing Unusual Fruit, by Alan F. Simmons, a descendant of Kentish fruit growers who has long wanted to extend the frontiers of fruit growing in Britain. The publisher is David and Charles, of Newton Abbot, Devon, and the cheap edition price is £2.75 (was once £4.50). I have found that every friend who sees it

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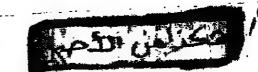
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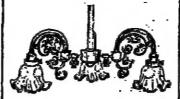
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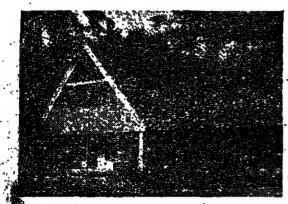
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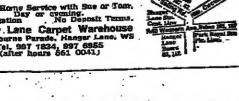
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warm bran).
On the heavier aspects of housework, however, it's obvi-ous that the book was put together for a time and in a place in which labour—other people's labour—came not merely cheap but also willing. "Kwanza fanya kazi hii halafu fanya ingine", it says: when

you've finished that work get on with something else. That is not a phrase that comes readily to the lips in Britain in 1977. Well, for the lack of the general factorum which it assumes, what is each of us to do about the occasional Big Clean?

There is one easy answer call in the professionals. A hunt through your local Yellow Pages should produce a number of firms who will come in, take your living quarters apart, dust them down and put them together again: and their services are not necessarily as expensive as you might think. Thus Cleaningwise (01-789 2133),

which serves most of the Lon-don area and parts of the home counties, might charge you as much as £200 for taking a man-sion to pieces, but as little as £20 for cleaning up the average flat: it all depends on the size and difficulty of the job. In



A selection of pinnies from Dickens & Jones with a rush brush from John Lewis, price £1.95

For chimney sweeps the right hunting ground is the Yellow In the London area prices vary between £2.50 and £4 for an open chimney, and boilers cost around £3. Gering a chimney done will take up-wards of half an hour, but I do advise you to get in now if you want it done this spring: from the middle of April, it seems, everyone has the same

> The cheapest, least effective and most wearisome way of cleaning a carpet is to do it yourself. I think that calling in the experts is a much more satisfactory method of procedure, and in the case of Oriental rugs it's absolutely essential: 'ill-applied home cleaners can do a lot of damage. A firm like the Patent Steam Carpet Company (01 874 4333) will clean your Axminsters or Wiltons on site for 51p a square yard (70p a square yard if you have it collected and taken into their factory), while Chinese and Persian carpets cost 820 a square yard on site (with a minimum charge of £12), and £2 a square yard if you send them in. The firm collects and

delivers throughout the London delivers throughout the London area, and a caroet cleaned in their factory is likely to be away for about a fortnight. Behar Profex (01-226 0144), which specializes in cleaning antique Oriental rugs, takes about a week over it, collects and delivers throughout the UK, and charges according to the and charges according to the scale of the problem-assume upwards of £5 for a small rug.

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The right way of tackling curtains, again, is going to depend on how much you spent on them in the first place: but if you want to be certain they emerge from the process in better order than they started it, then a firm which will guarantee its work is the answer. One such is University Tailors (01-735 7711), which will collect and deliver in London and the major centres in the South-east. Cleaning—which will take a week—is likely to cost between 60p a square metre for unlined curtains and £1.02 a square metre for very metre for unlined curtains and £1.02 a square metre for very heavy interlined brocades. Thuro Steam, which in addition to a London presence (01-580 5457) has branches in Glasgow and Leeds, is starting an onsite curtain service soon and already does carnets on decidents. already does carpets on site.
Carper cleaning costs from a
minimum of £15, and remember
to allow 24 hours for things to

dry out. with upholstery, professional cleaning on site is likely to cost between £14 and £34 for a three-piece suite—but firms like Servicemaster, which has branches throughout the Southeast, normally send a representative to give an estimate. Servicemaster will clean leather



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and vinyl as well as fabric cov. is selling the light and stable

The cost of cleaning and The cost of cleaning and mending blinds varies according to their size; but since it is pretty modest, assume that you will either have to provide a fair amount of work or be prepared to make your own deliveries and collections. There's no such problem, how-

There's no such problem, however, with duvets: you can send them in by post to the Danish Express Laundry (16 Hinde Street, London W1; telephone 01-935 6306), who will charge you £2.60 plus VAT for a single, £3 plus VAT for a double, and £5 plus VAT for a very big one. Don't forget to include the postage for their return. If you happen to live within the orbit of University Tailors, they will collect and deliver them, charging you £2.20 for a single, £3.50 for a double, and keeping them for one to two weeks. They do strongly advise, though, that you hang them out in the open after their return, to get rid after their return, to get rid of the last of the fumes.

Unless, of course, you took the line of least resistance from the start, and called on the experts to give you a package deal, none of this relieves you of the dirty work. The dirty work? Yes: the Hoovering (the Miele S204 cleaner is the snazziest I've seen in a long time, but heavens, at about £99.50, what a price), the £99.50, what a price), the dusting (I suppose it's a dreadful revelation of char-

acter that I don't mind paying £1.10 for a feather duster in Dickens & Jones, and object most strongly to the 27p or fabric-lined PVC Glovelic at 62p, for those who can things cost), the washing down of walls and pointwork (you need a stepladder: Selfridges

Abru brand at between £6.80 and £15.90, depending on height, or the window cleaning (Debenhams has Leitheit telescopic cleaners at £2.95; invaluable).

Dressing for all rhis calls for some thought, but it seems to me that there are three possi-bilities. First, if there is some-one to impress, a pinny in which to receive their sympathy and admiration at the beginning or end of the proceedings is essential. Dickens & Jones have some suitably frilly, flowery full-length ones for lady cleaners, at £5.95: but

lady cleaners, at £5.95: but House of Fraser doesn't go in for central buying, so obtaining one of those might mean a trip to town. John Lewis, however, does: and they bave much the same sort of thing, with fewer frills and more fragile flowers, at £4.75. And there are any number of the unisex plasti-cized aprons with cheerful product advertising around: I particularly liked the ingenuously alcoholic ones (Guinness on a radiant orange background) selling at £2:25 in Debenhams.

However, when it comes to doing the actual work pinnies
—frilly or otherwise—are just an encumbrance. I reckon the choice then is between maximum protection with say, dun-garees, or the opposite. I per-sonally favour the latter course. I go for effective protection of hair (shower caps or swimming caps) and hands (John Lewis has some inelegant but service able white corton gloves at 49p, or fabric-lined PVC Glovelies, at 62p, for those who can't stand the feel of rubber or plas tic but need something water-



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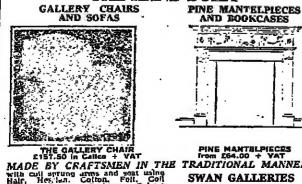
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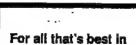
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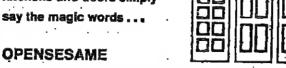
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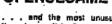
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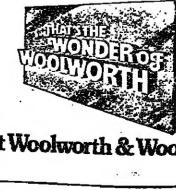
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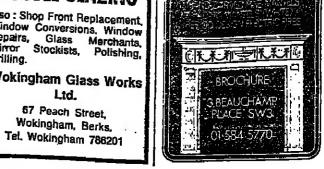
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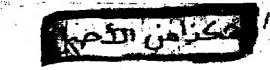
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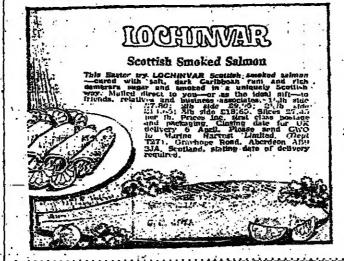
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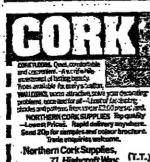
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